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6	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LIABILITY
7	AND CLEANUP PROCESS
8	FORMER MCLOUTH STEEL FACILITY
9	CITIES OF RIVERVIEW AND TRENTON, MICHIGAN
10	PUBLIC MEETING
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- Trenton, Michigan September 5, 2018 2 3 At or about 6:08 p.m. 4 MS. RUSSELL: Well I just want to go ahead and 5 get started. I want to make sure we have enough time for 6 everyone as we learn about the things we're going to be 7 talking about the meeting tonight; have time for questions 8 and those kinds of things. 9 So before I get started, I just wanted to just take a moment to thank the folks that were really essential 10 in making this evening possible. First and foremost, thank 11 12 you St. Paul Lutheran Church for letting us use this venue, 13 and also Reverend Rick Blythe who allowed us into the facility, and Kim Schutt, and Susan Clements who are here 14 assisting us this evening as well. I want to give a big 15 16 thank you to those folks. 17 Just a couple of logistical things: Bathrooms, if you go out these main doors and make a left, it'll be on 18 19 the left-hand side. So if you need to use any restroom 20 facilities, those are available. So to kick things off, I wanted to kind of 2.1
- So to kick things off, I wanted to kind of
  welcome -- I have a few folks to welcome here tonight. And
  before we start talking about more of the fate of the
  McLouth Steel Facility --
- 25 And I also wanted to kind of draw your attention



- 1 to this handy thing that is our agenda this evening. And
- 2 we'll be walking through this. We're going to go through
- 3 the welcome and introductions now, and then I'm going to --
- 4 there's some things throughout this meeting that I wanted
- 5 to point out to you. Some of you have gotten little cards
- 6 as you've walked in here. I want to explain what that's
- 7 all about and how we can -- the order of operations of the
- 8 evening.
- 9 So first I would -- let's see. Actually I'll do
- 10 that in just a second. I want to make sure that we're all
- 11 kind of on the same page and talk about what the purpose of
- 12 the meeting tonight is. The purpose of tonight's meeting
- is really to kind of look at the various details on the
- 14 Settlement Agreement negotiated for the southern portion of
- 15 the former facility with Crown Enterprises and MSC Land Co.
- The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- 17 will explain the agreement reached with Riverview-Trenton
- 18 Railroad to clean up the northern portion of the Fort Rouge
- 19 Facility.
- Here's the clicker. Or is this someone's car
- 21 alarm going off (Indicating).
- So we're going to have time for -- so we're going
- 23 to go through a number of things for the presentation
- 24 tonight, and a number of folks are going to be presenting
- 25 on various topics.



1	We will have time for questions and answers after
2	the presentation. So we'd like you to hold your questions
3	until after that. One of the things we have on the back of
4	our agenda is a nice place to take notes. So if you come
5	up with a question, we'll have a portion after the
6	presentation that we can ask those questions. So just jot
7	it down so you don't forget.
8	And we do have I just want to point out a
9	couple of things about the microphones. We have three
10	microphones in each one of these aisles here. And they are
11	pretty new equipment, so do not they don't need to be
12	adjusted. Do not touch them. Tonight is not your Karaoke
13	moment, so just leave the microphones in the stands. If
14	you do have a question and aren't able to come up to one of
15	these microphones, please raise your hand, and we will have
16	someone come to you with a microphone so that you don't
17	have to navigate the aisle ways to get a question asked or
18	answered.
19	Once we've gotten through the question and
20	answers, this is the portion of the meeting we're going to
21	take a short break. Because I wanted to make sure that we
22	had a clear line between question and answers where we have
23	our technical staff and other folks who will be able to
24	answer your questions. But once we get to the comment
25	portion it's a formal comment portion. We have a court



- 1 reporter here to record those formal comments. And it's
- 2 just a way for you to be able to submit those verbally.
- 3 There's other ways you can submit it.
- 4 You don't have to -- tonight's not the only
- 5 night. We have fax sheets out there that have a form you
- 6 can mail in. We have a section on our website. You can
- 7 submit those as well. So we're going to take a short break
- 8 at the end of the question and answer session of the
- 9 meeting, and then we will start the comment period.
- 10 And that's where these cards that you picked up
- 11 at the front are key, 'Cause I'm going to need your name
- 12 and information on the back so that I can give that to our
- 13 court reporter so she can record that properly. So you
- 14 don't need this card to ask a question at the question and
- 15 answer portion. This is for the comment portion after the
- 16 break.
- 17 And I'm going to see how many folks at that time
- 18 were interested in submitting comments verbally. We'll see
- 19 -- we like to keep those generally under five minutes just
- 20 so everyone has a chance. There's quite a few cards that
- 21 did go out. So I want to make sure that when you do submit
- 22 a comment, if you're interested in doing that, to try to
- 23 keep it brief.
- 24 And if you -- if you wanted to submit it via
- 25 mail, as long as those submissions are submitted and



- 1 postmarked by September 13th those will be put into the
- 2 record.
- 3 All right, so now the next part of the agenda are
- 4 introductions. I will start with myself. I'm Diane
- 5 Russell. I work for the Environmental Protection Agency,
- 6 and I work in their Flint Community Office. And I'll be
- 7 here emceeing tonight's meeting.
- And I'm going to start over here with some of our
- 9 folks at EPA table. Fred Bartman is at the end here. We
- 10 have Steve Kaiser. And then we have Naria Muniz, and Brian
- 11 Kelly, who will all be presenting; be available for
- 12 questions as well. And we have our colleagues here at the
- 13 MDEQ. We have rich Conforti, Al Taylor, Alex Clark, and
- 14 Joe Walzack (Phonetic). And they will be having a portion
- of the meeting, and they're going to be presenting as well.
- I have a few folks that are here locally that we
- 17 just want to acknowledge from the Office of Congresswoman
- 18 Debbie Dingell, Michael Plasis (Phonetic) is with us at the
- 19 meeting tonight. We also have Alyssa Cravens (Phonetic)
- 20 who represents Camilleri, Chang, and Clemente, the state
- 21 reps. Thank you for joining us. From the county of Wayne
- 22 we have Joe Palamara, county commissioner, as well as
- 23 Andrew Kandrevas. Thank you. Welcome. From the Downriver
- 24 Community Conference we have Jim Perry, executive director.
- 25 And from the city of Trenton we have Mayor Kyle Stack is



- 1 with us tonight. And someone who has excellent
- 2 handwriting. I apologize. It does make it very hard to
- 3 read. The city council. Also if I don't name you then you
- 4 know it's you. Community of Trenton Mike McCullough, the
- 5 treasurer, and Deborah Devitt, city clerk. I also have the
- 6 council person, Timber Baun-Crooks and the Council person,
- 7 Bill Leframe [sic](Phonetic) -- LeFevre? Thank you. And
- 8 Nelson Perugi. I think I should -- yeah. As well as
- 9 Robert Howey, John Dahlquist. And the city of Riverview we
- 10 have Andrew Swift. In Grosse Ile we have Supervisor Brian
- 11 Loftus and James Budny. I think I have slaughtered enough
- 12 of those. I apologize profusely. But thank you,
- 13 regardless, for being here. And you can accost me after
- 14 the meeting.
- 15 All right, so with the introductions wanted to go
- 16 ahead and start into the presentation part of the meeting,
- 17 the most important part, so that you can learn more about
- 18 what is going to be the fate going forward for the former
- 19 McLouth Steel site.
- 20 Brian.
- 21 MR. KELLY: So let me start off by saying thank
- 22 you all for coming out. As somebody that lives Downriver,
- 23 you know, I certainly know how important the environmental
- 24 cleanup of this site is. I've been working on that
- 25 environmental cleanup for fourteen years now. And I have



- 1 literally given my sweat and blood to that site.
- 2 Last year during the emergency response to the
- 3 mercury I ended up falling and ended up in the Wyandotte
- 4 Emergency Room. But the next day we had already scheduled,
- 5 Nuria to come in, and I had arranged with our river keeper,
- 6 Bob Burns, to go out and map the outfalls so that we could
- 7 get this site listed. So I wrapped my foot up and hobbled
- 8 down to the dock, and we got that work done. So I
- 9 certainly know the passion and the commitment the community
- 10 has to getting this place cleaned up. And I think that
- 11 you're going to hear tonight that you know we're certainly
- 12 moving in the right direction.
- 13 You know this picture you see behind us is sort
- of, you know, the memories that people have of McLouth
- 15 Steel: You know, in its heyday, thousands of workers,
- 16 industrial powerhouse. And this is what we have today
- 17 (Indicating). After 22 years of essentially being picked
- 18 over like vultures we've got, you know, this terrible
- 19 eyesore.
- 20 And just to move back a little bit, you know some
- 21 orientation, there are a couple of key dates just to remind
- 22 people of. McLouth Steel went back into bankruptcy in '95.
- 23 Detroit Steel bought the property. And you may have a
- 24 question: Why is there a north side and why is there a
- 25 south side? Well in 2000 DSC sold the northern part to



- 1 Riverview-Trenton Railroad. And if you fast forward to
- 2 2017, the southern part goes into foreclosure, and the
- 3 agreement with Crown is put into place.
- 4 So that's sort of some of those key points. And
- 5 there's that huge gap between when DSC purchases a property
- 6 and 2017. In the 22 years that the place sort of just sat
- 7 idle. But, you know, EPA during that time has been doing a
- 8 considerable amount of work on the property.
- 9 We have responded several times to emergencies
- 10 that threatened the community. And we also responded
- 11 several times to do assessment work. So over those
- 12 22 years, we've been doing a lot of triage work. You know,
- 13 a -- you know, the Black Lagoon occurred. This was the
- 14 first Great Lakes National Program office cleanup.
- And if you see the photo over to the left, that's
- 16 McLouth Steel; their outfall just dumping oil and sludge
- 17 and all kinds of pollution. And about five -- about half a
- 18 mile down is the Black Lagoon in Trenton where a lot of
- 19 that waste settled and sank right down. So that was the
- 20 first Great Lakes National Program office cleanup EPA did.
- 21 And you probably remember the fire that occurred
- 22 during Trenton's graduation. The photo on the left is from
- 23 the News Herald. And the photo on the right is that number
- 24 one settling pond that caught fire. This was the next day.
- 25 And you can sort of see some of this burn at the top, and



- 1 some of that oil that caught fire.
- 2 EPA responded to that fire. The Trenton Fire
- 3 Department came out; the Downriver HAZMAT team. And
- 4 because there was no water pressure they actually had to
- 5 get a crash truck from Wayne County -- or, I'm sorry, from
- 6 Detroit Metro Airport to come over and put that thing out.
- 7 And then while we were out there, then we find
- 8 out there are thousands of drums. Some of them -- the blue
- 9 ones are water reactive. So we worked with our colleagues
- 10 at Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the
- 11 property owner and got all those drums out of there. And
- 12 then a couple years later EPA had to go back in there
- 13 again. And we removed more than 3,700 PCB capacitors. And
- 14 we drained tens of thousands of gallons of high
- 15 concentration PCB oil.
- 16 You know, not too long after that we had a
- 17 Leachate outbreak that was coming into Jefferson Avenue
- 18 that EPA responded to. And then just last year vandals got
- into the site, spilled mercury all over one of the
- 20 buildings. EPA again had to respond to that. So we've
- 21 been doing a lot of response to protect the community, but
- 22 it's just been triage, you know, ad hoc kind of responses.
- 23 And I'm going to turn this over to Steve in a
- 24 minute. But I think that this agreement, this direction is
- 25 a first step of moving towards a copper heads-up solution



- 1 to get this site cleaned up and move it down the right
- 2 path.
- 3 MR. KAISER: Good evening again. As Brian said,
- 4 I want to thank everybody for coming out and attending. My
- 5 name is Steve Kaiser. I'm with EPA's Office of Regional
- 6 Council. In Chicago we are the Midwest Region and do work
- 7 in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and
- 8 Minnesota.
- 9 I've been involved with Brian and the McLouth
- 10 Steel site for a little over 10 years I think. Some of its
- 11 been on the enforcement end, as Brian said, with the PCB
- 12 capacitors and so forth. Some of it has been entertaining
- 13 proposals to redevelop the site that didn't come to
- 14 fruition.
- 15 It was a little over a year ago, about 14 months
- 16 ago, that I began a dialogue with some of the members of
- 17 the Wayne County Board, some of their elected
- 18 representatives at the City of Trenton, and engaged with
- 19 our partners in Department of Environmental Quality and
- 20 began to talk about what opportunities were presenting
- 21 themselves, including the offer by Crown and it's affiliate
- 22 MSC Land Co., LLC do some work out at the site.
- The work is primarily done under the Superfund
- 24 Program. Superfund was created in 1980. It was intended
- 25 to provide funding and enforcement mechanisms to clean up



- 1 these historical contaminated areas.
- It did a great job. We as a nation have cleaned
- 3 up just countless sites across the nation. And of course
- 4 the Kalamazoo site in Western Michigan, the Dow site up in
- 5 Midland are just some of the bigger and more successful
- 6 cleanups that the Superfund has undertaken.
- 7 Superfund also though had an unintended
- 8 consequence. It made people hesitant to buy contaminated
- 9 properties. And I was talking to Jim Wagner before we
- 10 began about some of the difficulties that poses for the
- 11 Downriver community where you have an industrial legacy.
- 12 And when a developer comes in and looks at, am I going to
- 13 buy some property Downriver or am I going to buy some
- 14 property out in the western suburbs? You know, how do I
- 15 evaluate those two from a business point of view?
- And what we at EPA have been trying do is be more
- 17 responsive to the needs of the communities, like your own,
- 18 and to the developers who want to come in and provide them
- 19 a certain level of comfort so that they know what they're
- 20 liabilities are and what their commitment -- what they're
- 21 committing to do when they take title to the property.
- So on this slide there (Indicating), Brian put in
- 23 a little graphic, which is the caption of the Settlement
- 24 Agreement that we began negotiating almost 11 months ago
- 25 and are -- this meeting is part of the process of hopefully



- 1 concluding those negotiations and discussions.
- 2 The reason we noticed this public meeting today
- 3 is because one of the federal laws that's involved in this
- 4 settlement requires that we hold a public meeting and that
- 5 we publish the agreement so that you, the citizens and the
- 6 local community and the elected representatives who
- 7 represent the interest of the citizens, can look at the
- 8 document, can hear about the settlement, can ask questions
- 9 and provide comments.
- 10 And it's only after EPA and the Department of
- 11 Justice and our partners at MDEQ have considered your
- 12 comments and concerns do we make a final decision about
- 13 going forward with the settlement. So the meeting tonight
- 14 is an important meeting. It's mandated by statute. And
- we're happy to be here with you and to participate with you
- 16 as you are our partners in this process.
- So with that -- and, you know, just to give you
- 18 an idea; physically, this is what the Settlement Agreement
- 19 looks like (Indicating). It's a little over a hundred
- 20 pages, and it describes the responsibilities that MSC Land
- 21 Co. is going to undertake and the mutual promises that EPA,
- 22 the Department of Justice and MDEQ make in turn. So -- let
- 23 me see if we can get to the next thing.
- 24 So what it's titled is an "Administrative
- 25 Settlement and Agreement and Covenant Not to Sue." It's



- 1 also called a non-liable party agreement. It used to be
- 2 called a perspective purchaser agreement. And I think it's
- 3 important that we understand what this document is. And I
- 4 think that's why we're moving towards the use of this term,
- 5 a non-liable party agreement.
- 6 That is, the parties who are entering into this
- 7 agreement with EPA, MDEQ and the U.S. Department of Justice
- 8 are non-liable parties. They did not cause the
- 9 contamination, and they have no obligation outside of the
- 10 obligations they -- and promises they make within this
- 11 document to clean up or address that contamination.
- So it's important to remember, unfortunately,
- 13 we're not dealing with DSC. We've looked at DSC, and we're
- 14 going to take another look at DSC. But by all appearances,
- they ran out of money years ago, and I don't think there's
- 16 any reason to believe that they've come into money in the
- 17 past few years. MSC, of course, went through bankruptcy in
- 18 1996, so they're not around.
- 19 So we're in a situation where we really do not
- 20 have liable parties here. And we're looking at spending
- 21 federal taxpayer dollars to investigate, come up with a
- 22 plan for cleanup and then cleaning up the site. In the
- 23 meantime we have non-liable parties, people who didn't
- 24 cause the contamination, coming and saying, we have an idea
- 25 for that property; we have a vision for what that could



- 1 become, and we're willing to in exchange for working with
- 2 you in partnership make some promises to do some of the
- 3 environmental work that otherwise would be required and
- 4 otherwise would be funded by the federal government. We're
- 5 willing to assume some of those responsibilities in order
- 6 to make this deal go.
- 7 So we began to talk with some of the work that
- 8 MDEO had done, some of the work Nuria is going to talk
- 9 about in a little bit, where we collectively -- we meaning
- 10 the State and the federal partners, we've gone out to
- 11 McLouth Steel, and we've investigated it, and we have some
- 12 idea of the extent of contamination out there.
- And we identified in one of the reports 70
- 14 separate and distinct areas that are areas of concern or
- 15 former waste management units. And what we did in this
- 16 settlement document was tried to identify which among those
- 17 70 required the most urgent attention? Where -- if we
- 18 could do work right now, where would we want to do that
- 19 work?
- And we came up with a list, and we talked with
- 21 MSC, and we embodied that list in the settlement agreement.
- 22 So if you were to read through here you would see where we
- 23 describe the work. You would see the areas of concern that
- 24 we intend to address, and the waste management units that
- 25 we intend to address, and the five areas where we have some



- 1 reason to think there were historic spills of PCBs that we
- 2 intend to address. And Brian slide where you saw the black
- 3 smoke from that lagoon. That's one of the high priorities
- 4 that we intend to address.
- 5 So the settlement lays out the work that's going
- 6 to be done and the promises made by the government in
- 7 exchange for that work.
- 8 So, again, who are the parties to this
- 9 settlement? Well we have two private parties and three
- 10 government entities. The private parties are Crown
- 11 Enterprises. You may recognize that name. Crown entered
- into the purchase and development agreement with the
- 13 County. And the County considered other options and other
- 14 opportunities. And under state law, as I understand it,
- 15 the state had a shot at taking title to the property and
- 16 declined. City of Trenton, I believe, gave some
- 17 consideration to taking title and the city council about a
- 18 year ago took a vote on that and decided that, you know,
- 19 that they would not acquire title. And then title passed
- 20 to the County. And the County entered into and perfected
- 21 in late September this Purchase and Development Agreement.
- That was with Crown Enterprises. Crown
- 23 Enterprises has elected to create a new company, MSC Land
- 24 Co., LLC, that's going to have principal responsibility for
- 25 doing the work described in the Settlement Agreement.



- 1 And then there are three governmental entities.
- 2 There's the federal government, EPA, which is going to
- 3 offer promises not to sue them under Superfund, under the
- 4 Resource Conservation and Recover Act and under a
- 5 -- Unintelligible -- TSCA (Toxic Substance Control Act)
- 6 which regulates PCBs.
- 7 Because MSC is going to address contamination in
- 8 each of those three areas, we're promising not to sue them
- 9 so long as they do the work that they promise to do. And
- 10 similarly, MDEQ -- they've made some commitments to MDEQ,
- and MDEQ has made promises. And we've even got the
- 12 Department of Justice involved in this, as they have the
- 13 authority, broad authority, to settle claims on behalf of
- 14 the United States.
- So we have the two private parties: MSC and
- 16 Crown Enterprises, which are related entities; and then we
- 17 have the three -- the federal government, both EPA,
- 18 Department of Justice, and then MDEQ all partners to this
- 19 agreement.
- 20 And as I described, it essentially is an
- 21 agreement that contains mutual promises. MSC promises to
- do certain work, and in exchange EPA, MDEQ and
- 23 --Unintelligible-- promise not to sue them to do more than
- 24 what they've committed to doing in the settlement
- 25 agreement.



1	And remember, they have no affirmative obligation
2	to do any of the work. It's all a negotiated agreement
3	where in exchange for these promises not to sue them, to
4	describe very specifically what they have to do, that they
5	then have the assurance that they can take title to the
6	property and move forward with productive redevelopment
7	plans.
8	So there are essentially three promises that MSC
9	makes. And if you look closely at this document, you'll
10	see a definition for work. And we lay out the work. And
11	there's something then called Appendix D is something
12	called a Scope of Work, and that provides even more detail
13	as to what they're going to do.
14	There's the demolition work, which is a defined
15	term. And, again, these documents are online. And if you
16	want to look at them you're certainly welcome to do so.
17	And the comment period doesn't close for at least another
18	week. So you would have an opportunity to look them over
19	and look at the definition of demolition work, and look at
20	the description of the work and certain paragraphs of the
21	agreement and see what the promises are.
22	But the environmental work, number one and I'm
23	going to just open up to the scope of work here. And
24	again, the scope of work is one of the attachments to the
25	settlement agreement. So if you went online and went to



- 1 Appendix D, you would see something called a statement of
- 2 work. And the statement of work, again, contains details.
- 3 What's the work going to be? Well they're going to submit
- 4 work plans. That's how these things operate. Within
- 5 120 days of the agreement coming into effect they're going
- 6 to submit a work plan.
- But perhaps more to the point, they've already
- 8 been providing site security. Brian talked about a year
- 9 ago the site was open. When Rachel Basler and I drove by
- 10 it today she said, it looks like somebody could go in
- 11 there. And I said, somebody did go in there; and they made
- 12 a mess and spread mercury around the office.
- 13 Since that time MSC has already begun putting in
- 14 place site security. When we drove out there today there
- 15 was security people right there positioned off of Jefferson
- 16 Avenue. There is fencing around the property, but that
- 17 fencing is going to be upgraded. And there will be people,
- 18 you know, physically onsite providing security until that's
- 19 determined that that's no longer necessary.
- Now I know one of the questions that's come up
- 21 is, what about when they do work out there? What about
- 22 dust control? Is stuff going to blow around? Am I going
- 23 to breathe stuff in when I'm driving down Jefferson Avenue?
- Well one of the first plans that MSC has to
- 25 submit to EPA and DEQ [sic] for review and approval is a



- 1 dust control plan. And it will describe the procedures
- 2 that they'll put in place when they're doing the work so
- 3 that dust isn't a problem, so that contamination doesn't
- 4 migrate offsite.
- 5 And we've identified one contaminant in
- 6 particular. I think it's Manganese, isn't it Brian?
- 7 MR. KELLY: Yes.
- 8 MR. KAISER: Yeah, where they're going to have
- 9 dust monitors along the perimeter of the facility. And
- 10 they're going to be monitoring to make sure that the dust
- 11 doesn't contain concentrations of Manganese that can be --
- 12 pose a risk to human health and the environment. And if it
- 13 exceeds it, the work's going to be shut down. And that's
- 14 one of the important things.
- Brian, who lives down here, works in Grosse Ile
- 16 is going to be providing oversight of this work. You've
- 17 already heard he's been out there responding. When there
- 18 was the fire a he was out there. When there was the
- 19 mercury spill he was out there. When the capacitors had to
- 20 go outside he was out there.
- 21 He's going to be out there overseeing the work
- 22 that's going to take place over the next two years. And he
- 23 has the authority under the settlement to shut down the job
- 24 if it's posing a threat to human health or the environment.
- 25 Another concern is the river. I mean, Brian



showed you that photograph in the Black Lagoon when stuff 1 was just going right out into the river and then curling 2 3 around and settling in that lagoon. We know that surface 4 water runoff and groundwater is likely entering the Detroit River, the Trenton Channel and that water is contaminated. 5 6 One of the things that MSC is going to do is 7 assess the way in which they can bring that facility back into compliance with the Clean Water Act so that you don't 8 9 have untreated water just flowing off the site. 10 take a little while to evaluate the options and come up 11 with a plan. But that's one of the things that they 12 committed to do under the settlement agreement. 13 Then we saw again that fire in the big lagoon. There are dozens of lagoons like that still out in that 14 facility. And they have decades of sludge and other 15 16 contaminants in them. And one of the commitments MSC has 17 made is to go out there and drain some 23 pits, lagoons, sumps, trenches. Those are all going to be drained, 18 19 cleaned up and filled back -- filled with clean fill. 20 So that's going to both remove the contaminants 2.1 from the site, and in doing that remove a source of -- in 22 that case not so much wind born things but things that could flow off the surface and sheet flow into the river or 23 24 migrate offsite through the groundwater. So that's another 25 area that's going to be addressed.



Τ	In total I think it is it's 23, I think,
2	trenches, pits, sumps that are going to be cleaned up and
3	backfilled.
4	And as I mentioned, there are areas where we
5	think there were PCB spills. And again, MSC is going to go
6	out and investigate those areas. And if they have PCB at
7	levels of concerns, they're going to implement interim
8	measures so that and interim measures will be fencing
9	off the areas of contamination, posting the signs, placing
10	a cover over it so that, again, dust is suppressed.
11	And those interim measures will stay in place
12	until either a development activity dictates that those
13	areas be cleaned up or EPA concludes it's investigation and
14	comes up with a plan for cleanup. So those are the major
15	elements of environmental work that I've just described.
16	And then there's the demolition work. And I'll
17	go through this quickly. The County's got a commitment
18	from Crown to demolish I don't know how many buildings.
19	Certainly the big building along Jefferson Avenue. And we
20	knew that that commitment was central to the County's
21	acceptance of the Purchase and Development Agreement. And
22	we wanted to make sure that we also had a federal authority
23	to enforce that promise.
24	So central to this settlement agreement is a
25	commitment by MSC to the County in the County's agreement,



- 1 but to the state and federal government in our agreement to
- 2 knock down that big building on Jefferson Avenue and to
- 3 take down about 44 other structures that are out there.
- 4 And there's a map. I think it's Appendix B,
- 5 maybe Appendix C of the settlement agreement that will show
- 6 you in precise detail which buildings are going to come
- 7 down. And they're going to come down in a safe manner.
- And one of the gentlemen in the audience tonight,
- 9 a local business owner, is going to be responsible for that
- 10 demolition. We had a chance to speak with him. His wife's
- 11 family has been in this community for generations. He's
- 12 your neighbor. I know he's going to take it down in the
- 13 best possible manner and the safest possible manner.
- 14 And finally, there are property requirements.
- 15 Really this is sort of technical, and I'm not going go into
- 16 it in too much detail. But this is a unique agreement.
- 17 Most of the time EPA has already cleaned up the site by the
- 18 time title turns over to someone who had nothing to do with
- 19 it. Here we're really at the beginning. And Nuria is
- 20 going to talk more about her process for putting the site
- 21 on the NPL and doing a comprehensive investigation at the
- 22 site.
- But essentially we have to -- MSC has to cohabit
- 24 with the federal government and the state government for
- 25 the next -- possibly as long as 10 years. So it's almost



- 1 like a -- I liken it to a prenuptial agreement. How are we
- 2 going to live together at that site while they move forward
- 3 with the cleanup work and the development work and we move
- 4 forward with our investigation and cleanup? And so we had
- 5 to write extensive language to just specify, okay, this is
- 6 how we're going to share the land. And we think we've come
- 7 up with a good process for doing that.
- 8 I've heard from people: What happens if they
- 9 don't perform? What if MSC makes all these great promises
- 10 that you just told us about but doesn't fulfill those
- 11 promises?
- We had several options for how to enforce an
- order. One of them is stipulated penalties where you say,
- 14 well if you don't do it, you know, we're going to fine you
- 15 \$500 a day. And if you don't do it for two weeks, it's
- 16 going to go up to \$1,000 a day. And we said forget it.
- 17 We're going to put the big big sword over MSC's head and
- 18 we're basically -- all those promises we made not to sue
- 19 you for all that contamination out there; well if you don't
- 20 knock down those buildings and you don't do that
- 21 environmental work that you promised, that sword's coming
- 22 down. The protections in that settlement agreement, we'll
- a tear them up and you'll be back to square one, and you'll
- 24 be an owner of a contaminated parcel without the
- 25 protections you bargained for. I know MSC understands



- 1 that, and I'm confident that they're going to perform.
- 2 So that's the answer to that question: What's
- 3 the consequence of failing to perform? It's be responsible
- 4 for cleaning up the entire site. And I can tell you we
- 5 don't have a number for that, but it's not a small number.
- 6 And I don't think anybody wants to take that risk.
- 7 So that's really -- that's a summary of what we
- 8 intend to do out there. It's a first step. I think it's
- 9 important to understand this meeting is really just about
- 10 this settlement document. I suspect you're going to be
- 11 seeing a lot more of EPA and MDEQ in the months and years
- 12 to come. Because we are really -- this is really the first
- 13 step. We are -- the site's been standing still for twenty
- 14 some years. It's now going to start to move forward.
- Nori [sic] is going to describe what her
- 16 program's doing. And I assure you this will not be the
- 17 last time that we will be hosting these meetings. We look
- 18 forward to having good, robust community relations and
- 19 getting your input and making sure you understand what's
- 20 happening in your community.
- 21 So thank you. And we look forward to your
- 22 questions, as well as your comments.
- MS. RUSSELL: And I would just like to point out
- 24 for folks, we do have a document at the front of the table.
- 25 It's a frequently asked questions. So there are several



- 1 questions in here. But again, after our presentation we'll
- 2 be able to open up for questions and answers.
- Nuri.
- 4 MS. MUNIZ: Good evening everybody. My name is
- 5 Nuria Muniz, and I work for EPA in the Superfund Program in
- 6 the Chicago office. And I'll be talking a little bit about
- 7 the listing of the southern portion of the McLouth Steel
- 8 Facility. So everything that Steve was just talking about
- 9 is in relation to the southern portion of the facility.
- 10 And you can actually see it here (Indicating). The upper
- 11 portion of that site, DEQ will talk about what's going on
- 12 on that piece. And I'll be talking about the southern
- 13 portion of the property.
- And so the purpose of this meeting today is to
- 15 talk to you about the settlement; give you opportunity to
- 16 comment on the settlement; hear from DEQ about how they're
- 17 going to be working on cleaning up the property on the
- 18 north. But it's very important to also talk to you about
- 19 the listing of the property of the southern part of the
- 20 McLouth Steel Facility. Because everything that we heard
- 21 today that MSC is going to be doing: The demolition, the
- 22 removal of PCB, asbestos and other contaminants, is very
- 23 very substantial cleanup on that side of the property, and
- 24 yet it is not enough to clean up the property appropriately
- 25 for whatever use it ends up being.



- So for EPA to be able to clean up the remainder
- 2 of the property, the site needs to have the designation of
- 3 National Priorities List Site, also known as Superfund
- 4 Site. So I'll explain a little bit about that on how
- 5 the -- what is Superfund.
- So what is Superfund? Superfund is another name
- 7 or a formal name for Comprehensive Environmental Response
- 8 and Compensation Liability Act. It's also known as CERCLA.
- 9 So it's basically the law that authorizes EPA to clean up
- 10 certain types of contaminations, certain types of sites.
- 11 And more importantly, it gives EPA the funds to clean up
- 12 those certain sites.
- Superfund program only works on sites that are --
- 14 that nobody else can clean up: No other federal program,
- 15 no other state program. That's when Superfund kicks in.
- 16 So when you hear a site is a Superfund Site it means the
- 17 subset of sites that EPA can clean up that are -- that have
- 18 substantial contamination, that are large, that have
- 19 long-term cleanup, we're talking large, big sites. And the
- 20 southern portion of this property definitely meets that
- 21 criterion.
- When you hear National Priorities List, it's the
- 23 same thing as a Superfund site. We need that designation
- 24 for EPA to be able to use federal dollars to clean up the
- 25 remainder of the property. That designation takes many



- 1 years.
- 2 And you've heard all the work that Brian has been
- 3 doing on the site. Superfund program can work on sites and
- 4 be there in half an hour. For EPA to work on an NPL site
- 5 we need an actual designation. It's called a -- you need a
- 6 rooming key which is basically a modification to the
- 7 regulations under CERCLA. It's almost like creating a new
- 8 law. Not quite. But it requires a lot of studies,
- 9 investigation, years of doing that, and then a final
- 10 documentation record that is put and available to the
- 11 public for comment. That's where we are now in this
- 12 process with this site.
- So before you actually call a site an NPL site
- 14 you need to propose it for Superfund listing. And as I
- 15 said, you prepare this documentation record and you make it
- 16 available to the public. So we are ready for that to
- 17 happen. September 11th is a tentative date. It's not
- 18 absolutely certain, but that's just to give you an idea
- 19 that we're talking about a week from now that the Federal
- 20 Register will publish for your viewing the evaluation and
- 21 scoring and all documentation that backs up the listing of
- 22 the site. Again, the southern area of the McLouth Steel
- 23 Facility.
- The first thing you'll see is an announcement,
- 25 which is a press release, a few days before the



- 1 publication. We're estimating, again tentative,
- 2 September 11th will be the that date. There will be an
- 3 announcement.
- 4 You can see here in my slide that there is --
- 5 where you can get this information. It's
- 6 www.epa.gov/newsreleases. And if you put the McLouth Steel
- 7 Facility, you'll be able to see it. Again, that's just an
- 8 announcement.
- 9 CITIZEN: What was that website please again?
- MS. MUNIZ: www.epa.gov/newsreleases. And then
- 11 you can search by McLouth Steel. And again, this is all
- 12 going to be in a press release in local papers. You will
- 13 be able to have it directly through all of that.
- So a few days later after the announcement,
- 15 there's a publication of the actual documentation record
- 16 and how we came up with that. And that's in
- 17 regulations.gov That's also where you can find that
- 18 information.
- 19 So all the comments -- so again 60 -- the minute
- 20 that that is published in the Federal Register, that's when
- 21 the 60 days start. Sixty days for public comments, to
- 22 receive comments in writing on our evaluation.
- 23 So here is the regulations.gov website. It's
- 24 www.regulations.gov. And below in red you can see this is
- 25 a docket number that you can also find it. Again, once the



- 1 press release is out, you will get a direct link that will
- 2 take you there. And there's a section where you can put
- 3 positive comments, negative comments. Anything that is a
- 4 substantial comment on the evaluation of the site is
- 5 responded to.
- 6 So you basically have two months to take your
- 7 comments. It's all done online. You can also come to EPA
- 8 Chicago's office and look at them in person. But all of
- 9 this is available online. And we need comments in writing
- 10 directly on the publication. And then we respond to all of
- 11 the major comments. The whole thing, if we don't have
- 12 major substantial comments that would disqualify the
- 13 site -- for example, it takes two months of public notice,
- 14 plus four months for us to respond. We're talking about
- 15 six months to call the site final. So the site is not
- 16 final to the NPL until we first propose and show it, public
- 17 comment, time to respond. So we're talking that the site
- 18 will be final to the NPL some time in the spring of 2019.
- 19 So what I'll say is that the NPL listing just
- 20 starts the process for NPL designation. You will see here
- 21 -- so once a site is final that's when the site is -- it
- 22 says Superfund site, and then remedial, the formal
- 23 investigation of the site starts.
- 24 If you look at these pamphlets that are available
- 25 (Indicating), these talk about what happens once a site is



- 1 final through the NPL; which is not even proposed to this
- 2 day. So this is -- if you want to know what happens once
- 3 it's final; there's investigation, there's proposal for
- 4 cleanup and there's substantial community involvement. So
- 5 find these also available on line.
- And with that, that's just to let you know what
- 7 to look for in the next coming weeks. The next thing that
- 8 we'll discuss is the northern section of the property. And
- 9 I'll have Rich Conforti talk to you about this.
- 10 MR. CONFORTI: Good evening. I'm Richard
- 11 Conforti with the Michigan DEQ. I'm going to talk a little
- 12 bit about the consent order; what we call Corrective Action
- 13 Consent Order. It's on the northern portion of the
- 14 property. As you heard, EPA is running over the southern
- 15 portion, so we have the EPA for the northern portion.
- So our team, as you met -- I'm going to go over
- 17 that if I can get a little bit of time today. So out
- 18 there: Alice Clark, and Phil Walzack.
- What is a Consent Order? It's an agreement
- 20 worked out between the DEO and in this case
- 21 Riverview-Trenton Railroad. It's a legally enforceable
- 22 document in court. The corrective action obligation that
- 23 go with the Consent Order are in Part 111, which are under
- 24 the Michigan National Resources and Environmental
- 25 Protection Act. I don't do this too often. Sorry.



- 1 So the northern section, as you see -- and that one's kind of small -- is the corrective action for the 2 3 Riverview-Trenton Railroad protection that will be taken We got a timeline of a couple years to take care 4 5 It's a lot of property to take care of. And it's of this. 6 at the beginning stages, as we've seen before too. The northern section is going to be in the 7 The agreement is --Unintelligible-- are to sign 8 phases. 9 the agreement. The case will become effective once it's 10 signed and you claim the deed to the Riverview-Trenton 11 Railroad. 12 We'll be overseeing work out there, and we have 13 -- part of the agreement is that Riverview-Trenton Railroad reimburse the DEO for cost that's out there. So there will 14 be no public funds taken up on this portion of it. Also 15 16 Riverview-Trenton Railroad will be paying for any of the cleanup for work that's done out there. 17 The CACO work plan, when one is put together, 18 19 will be due -- 90 days after signing the contract will 20 become subject to public comments similar to this one. that's when we'll have another meeting similar to this 21
- So as I said, this phase is -- so the work plan
  will include requirements to investigate --Unintelligible--

everybody. And it's a good venue to be here.

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location. This seems to be a very centralized location for

- 1 waste management used. They'll have to prepare a dust plan
- 2 very similar to the subsection. Dust is a big concern out
- 3 there. We've seen pictures, and it's a pretty dry area.
- 4 They'll have to investigate the groundwater contamination
- 5 out there to see if there's any issues going on there, and
- 6 also evaluate storm water. As we all know, storm water
- 7 runs off into the Detroit River.
- 8 All this will be utilize the 201 Environment
- 9 Protection Standards. And those are the standards that are
- 10 in Michigan legislator and law that dictate how a property
- 11 be cleaned up and what's the next phase of what a
- 12 redevelopment would go for.
- There are five waste management units on the
- 14 northern portion. There's equipment storage area,
- 15 Patoscars (Phonetic) Storage Building, Patoscars
- 16 -- Unintelligible -- control, basically PCB. There's
- 17 electric dark furnace and dust piles, which are electric
- 18 dark furnace dust storage tanks. And then there's also to
- 19 be -- a little bit of follow up with waste management units
- 20 on the northern section. That will be addressed by CACO.
- 21 Again phase two comes into play. And that's if
- 22 something is needed to be done. If response has not
- 23 achieved cleanup in the beginning of Phase One then we move
- 24 to the Phase Two: Develop another CACO.
- 25 It could include corrective action of waste



- 1 management; groundwater cleanup, if necessary; storm water
- 2 controls, if necessary, and additional investigation,
- 3 including sediment runoff into the Detroit River at this
- 4 point in time.
- 5 So just like in the Settlement Agreement, there's
- 6 failure to perform. In this case very similar things will
- 7 occur. We'd get stipulated penalties. Financial assurance
- 8 is also required to be as part of the CACO, and we can
- 9 access that financial assurance to continue on with the
- 10 work that's necessary. We'd engage in Isolated Dispute
- 11 Resolution, which is where we could go internally and then
- 12 if necessary go to court. That's where the next phase
- 13 would go in; we seek enforcement by the court. And then if
- 14 necessary if that doesn't work we would turn the northern
- 15 property over to EPA; and it'll go to the National
- 16 Priorities List and go through Superfund. That's the last
- 17 step.
- 18 We also have a website. If you want to sign up
- 19 for email updates, you go to northern section. We have a
- 20 web page. If you go to MI.gov/DEQwaste and then turn over
- 21 to McLouth you'll be able to see --Unintelligible-- It
- 22 gives you a brief overview of the fact sheet that you've
- 23 seen today and a little bit more information that's out
- 24 there. And that's it for me.
- 25 MS. RUSSELL: Okay. Thank you. How we doing,



- 1 folks?
- 2 All right, just a couple -- just to recap a
- 3 little bit of what we heard tonight:
- 4 EPA talked about the Proposed Settlement
- 5 Agreement. And that's the thing that we're going to --
- 6 that we have the comment period on currently and the thing
- 7 that we're going to be submitting comments now up until
- 8 September 13th. This is just the settlement agreement.
- 9 We also talked about the actual proposal of the
- 10 southern portion on the NPL listing. There's a whole
- 11 public comment piece with that as well that isn't happening
- 12 yet.
- So I just wanted to make sure we talked a couple
- 14 of times tonight about public comment period and how that
- works, and we want to make sure that tonight's public
- 16 comment is on the southern portion of the settlement
- 17 agreement that covers that.
- 18 We heard from our colleagues here at MDEQ talking
- 19 about the work that they're going to be doing in the
- 20 northern portion, and information on their website as well
- 21 on the work that they're going to be doing there.
- Right now I wanted to be able to open things up
- 23 for questions for a number of our folks. If you -- we have
- 24 again three microphones that are at the end of each of
- 25 these aisle ways. And you just -- if you stand in front of



- 1 it, it will be able to be picked up. So you don't need to
- 2 hold the mic. You don't need to take it out of it's cradle
- 3 or holder or adjust the mic stand. We'll be able to hear
- 4 you.
- 5 And we can go ahead and open it up to questions.
- 6 If you have -- if you'd like you could raise your hand as
- 7 well, and we'll also provide a mic.
- 8 CITIZEN: My name is Bear Claw from New Boston.
- 9 I got a bunch of questions. I'm going to fire them off.
- 10 You can answer them any way you want. And I'll try to be
- 11 respectful to everybody else that wants to ask a question.
- 12 Steve, you said that you were going to comment on
- 13 the settlement agreement. Where do we get that? I might
- 14 have missed it. I do not hear well, and -- so don't answer
- 15 yet. I got a bunch more.
- So we had a fire. A number of years ago
- 17 something caught fire. You know if that was put out with
- 18 foam containing PFOS? You know that's a big scary issue in
- 19 Michigan. Has PFOS been investigated? Has any groundwater
- 20 been investigated? You know the direction? Do you know if
- 21 it's getting into the storm sewers and getting into the
- 22 river? It sounds like -- excuse me -- it sounds like we
- 23 don't know any of that yet, but we eventually will.
- I want to know to what cleanup standards they're
- 25 going to be held to. In Michigan they have industrial;



- 1 they have commercial; they have residential. No way will
- 2 this ever make residential, and you know that. So what's
- 3 going to be there? What is it going to be developed to?
- 4 What is Crown's plan for that? Probably in the Settlement
- 5 Agreement -- proposed Settlement Agreement.
- Then, geez, there's a whole bunch more if I can
- 7 get them back here. So that's enough for now. Thank you.
- 8 MS. RUSSELL: Can I start -- just to -- for the
- 9 access of not only the Settlement Agreement but any other
- 10 documents that you need to reference for EPA site, if you
- 11 go to our website it is on not only your agenda that I see
- 12 that's in your hand, at the bottom here (Indicating), the
- 13 website, also the fact sheet, the listing for what the
- 14 website is for EPA.gov/superfundmcclouth-steel. We have
- 15 access and links to documents for your reference.
- 16 CITIZEN: One quick question. PFOS, big thing in
- 17 Michigan. Has that been steadily looked at, any samples
- 18 taken samples?
- 19 Rick, you might be able to address that. People
- 20 here might not know what that is.
- 21 MR. KELLY: So the answer is that they're just
- 22 beginning the process. Once this site gets listed then
- there's going to me a remedial investigation feasibility
- 24 study. So things like PFOS. What is the cleanup level.
- 25 All of those thing are going to get worked out.



- 1 Groundwater: There's been some investigation. You know there has been information showing that the water, 2 3 as you would expect, flows towards the Detroit River. We 4 don't know where this is going to end up, but there is a process for that. And community input, municipal input 5 6 will all be sought as this process is moves forward. 7 CITIZEN: What's going to be the development? MR. KELLY: We don't know what the development 8 So as long as it is protective of the community and 9 is. 10 the environment that's beyond EPA's purview. 11 CITIZEN: Well Michigan has the three cleanup 12 standards. Which one are we going to hold them to of the 13 three? Rick? MR. KELLY: So the Superfund process allows for, 14 you know, community input. It takes into consideration 15 16 what the zoning of the property is, what the current use of 17 the property is, what the expected future use of the property is. So we don't have the exact answers to what is 18 19 going to be the final cleanup level. All of that needs to 20 still be worked out through this very long process as Nuri 21 was talking about. 22 CITIZEN: And we don't know what their plans are?
- That's not really EPA's purview. 23 MR. KELLY:
- 24 mean, you know, the redevelopment is between the
- 25 municipalities, their zoning boards, their building



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- 1 departments. EPA is just -- you know, as long as the
- 2 redevelopment is protective, it's not something that we get
- 3 involved with.
- 4 CITIZEN: I understand that. But at a public
- 5 hearing you can bet the people out here would want to know
- 6 if they're going to put condominiums up -- I can't see
- 7 that -- or if there's going to be another steel plant.
- 8 What is the plan? They're not buying it without a plan.
- 9 They can tell you if you ask them.
- 10 CITIZEN: Or a deep water port.
- MR. KELLY: We did not ask them. It's not EPA's
- 12 purview. It's not --
- 13 CITIZENS: They're here. Let them answer the
- 14 question.
- 15 Yeah, let them answer the question. Is Crown
- 16 here?
- Yeah, he's here.
- 18 Mr. Samhat (Phonetic) is here.
- 19 Answer the question.
- 20 Crown, stand up if you're here.
- MS. RUSSELL: Well I think it's also important to
- 22 acknowledge the fact that, you know -- understanding that
- 23 you guys want to kind of see everything spelled out before
- 24 you can really weigh in on this part that we're asking you
- 25 to weigh in on today. There are things that have to take



- 1 place. Doing the investigation, there's further
- 2 information that has to be gathered. And there's certainly
- 3 an element here of local governments and zoning and that
- 4 kind of process. So there are many steps from that.
- 5 This is not the last time that your comments and
- 6 your input will be taken. There are a number of steps
- 7 along the way that are going to be key points for community
- 8 to provide input and feedback, working with not only
- 9 federal and state folks but local authorities as well.
- 10 CITIZEN: But they shouldn't be covering up what
- 11 they're going to do. And you guys shouldn't help them to
- 12 cover up what they're going to do.
- MR. KELLY: Well whether or not that's within our
- 14 purview is not the purpose of comments or questions, so --
- 15 CITIZEN: But nonetheless, for the betterment of
- 16 the community, I feel that we should have an understanding
- 17 as to the deepwater port that they plan on putting in there
- 18 with the container boxes.
- MS. RUSSELL: Absolutely. And what I'm going to
- 20 ask, just for the order for our court reporter, is that we
- 21 -- if we can come up as we want to ask questions and
- 22 interact here that is absolutely welcome. I just need
- 23 folks to speak one at a time, speak clearly so our court
- 24 reporter can capture this so it's available for other
- 25 community members to reference and go back to as well.



- 1 We did have a question. Did you want the mic?
- 2 CITIZEN: I probably can talk loud enough.
- 3 MS. RUSSELL: Sir, just hold on. We will
- 4 absolutely get to you in just a moment. I just want to
- 5 have you come and --
- 6 MR. JOHNSON: Bob Johnson, 2020 Riverside Drive,
- 7 Trenton. Just south of the plant.
- I guess my question at this time is -- yesterday
- 9 evening I took a picture of a ship docked at the site. And
- 10 in the afternoon I took a picture of tracks leaving this
- 11 site. They heavily marked the road. And my question is,
- 12 during the cleanup will business be conducted as usual?
- 13 MR. KAISER: I think those photographs are
- 14 probably taken a little south of the McLouth Facility.
- MR. JOHNSON: No, sir.
- MR. KAISER: No, I think this is on property -- I
- 17 mean, we have to be clear about what property we're talking
- 18 about. I believe this is the DSC property that's still
- 19 owned by DSC.
- 20 MR. JOHNSON: That's correct. The tire tracks
- 21 are coming out of the main entrance of the McLouth Steel.
- MR. KAISER: Right. And I did have a
- 23 conversation with one of the -- a local gentleman. I mean,
- 24 technically that's not part of this settlement. That
- 25 property is outside of the footprint of -- no, I understand



- 1 this was a portion of the McLouth Facility now owned by
- 2 DSC. I guess they have sugar going in and out of there.
- 3 This is not really what this meeting is about. I can
- 4 appreciate that this is an issue of concern to you.
- 5 MR. JOHNSON: But they're driving trucks through
- 6 the contaminated land.
- 7 CITIZEN: Exactly. Right on. You guys don't
- 8 know anything about that, do you?
- 9 MR. KAISER: I wouldn't go that far.
- 10 CITIZEN: I would.
- 11 MR. KELLY: So your question is when -- under
- 12 this Settlement Agreement, will contamination leave the
- 13 site? And the answer is no. I mean there's going to be --
- MR. JOHNSON: No. Will business go on while the
- 15 cleanup is going on?
- MR. KELLY: What kind of business?
- 17 MR. JOHNSON: Well obviously now there's a
- 18 trucking business going on. There's a shipping business
- 19 going on.
- 20 MR. KELLY: So whatever redevelopment or business
- 21 that MSC may start -- I mean, I can't really speculate what
- 22 the business operations of the property owner will be. So
- 23 I don't know the answer.
- MS. RUSSELL: But we talked -- there's --
- 25 especially -- I think this is articulated in the frequently



- 1 asked questions. There are repercussions. There's thing
- 2 built into the settlement agreement as far as containment.
- 3 MR. KAISER: This process is not part of the
- 4 Settlement Agreement. This is a portion as I --
- 5 CITIZEN: The second picture is.
- 6 MR. KAISER: The second picture is?
- 7 CITIZEN: The second picture. Right there
- 8 (Indicating).
- 9 MR. KAISER: Where the ship --
- 10 CITIZEN: No, no. The second.
- 11 MR. KAISER: The road. Is that King Street? Or
- 12 what's that street?
- 13 CITIZEN: No. That's West Jefferson. That's the
- 14 main entrance of McLouth. The trucks have been going in
- 15 and out of there picking up stuff from that ship.
- 16 And taking it where?
- 17 So if the EPA can't talk about it, can the city
- 18 of Trenton address that?
- MR. KAISER: Yeah, I was going to say, if we
- 20 don't own the property. We don't own the property.
- 21 MAYOR SLACK: I'm going to let you know that this
- 22 property right now is in the hands of Wayne County. And
- 23 they -- I just asked today if they knew about this shipment
- 24 being there. And at this point in time I haven't gotten an
- 25 answer back. So it is through Wayne County. It's not



- 1 through the city of Trenton or through EPA or even Crown.
- 2 At this point in time the land is owned by the land bank in
- 3 Wayne County.
- 4 MS. RUSSELL: That was Mayor Kyle Stack.
- 5 CITIZEN: Can we ask the commissioner?
- 6 Shouldn't there be enforcement?
- 7 See if he has any knowledge.
- 8 MDEO REPRESENTATIVE: I don't have knowledge of
- 9 what was going on at that particular site, whether there
- 10 was truck traffic in or out of there.
- I think there was.
- 12 MDEQ REPRESENTATIVE: I believe you. And I'm
- 13 here to listen to you and hear all your concerns. But I
- 14 can't say, because I don't know.
- 15 CITIZEN: Is there supposed to be?
- 16 That's not a good answer.
- 17 MDEQ REPRESENTATIVE: Well I can't --
- 18 CITIZEN: It's not just recent.
- 19 (Unintelligible. Multiple speakers)
- 20 CITIZEN: There's a lot going on.
- 21 Can somebody be concerned and look into it? If
- 22 not you, who?
- 23 MDEQ REPRESENTATIVE: I didn't say I wasn't going
- 24 to look into it. I said I don't have the answer right now
- 25 to what that is.



1 MS. RUSSELL: I think the gentleman brought up a key issue that I think the local officials are going to 2 3 look into. And if it intersects the site that we talked 4 about this evening that's information that we also are 5 interested in knowing. So thank you for bringing that 6 forward. Appreciate that. 7 We have a question back here. Would you like a 8 microphone or would you like to come up? 9 I can say it loud enough. CITIZEN: 10 MS. RUSSELL: Well I need my court reporter to be 11 able to hear you. Do we have a walking mic? 12 CITIZEN: I initially had other questions, but 13 just some of the response from the panel with regard to the very few really really good questions from our audience 14 members already, I have a different question. And that is, 15 16 if you answer I don't know, and we haven't found out yet, and I believe you, and we're not sure, and that will come, 17 and upon further investigation -- if we don't have any 18 19 answers to the questions that we just asked, what the hell 20 are we entering a settlement agreement for? MR. KELLY: Well we have to start somewhere. 2.1 22 CITIZEN: No. Why do we need to hold Crown 23 Enterprises not liable for any contamination before you 24 even know the degree of the contamination and what they'll be doing? Because here's the deal. How about take Crown 25



- 1 Enterprise and make them sit and wait to find something
- 2 out, and you guys start cleaning up the site for us to help
- 3 our environment, and our people, and our community, and our
- 4 water, and our plants, and our air from being contaminated.
- 5 And let us see if Crown still wants to the agreement with
- 6 the money they spent.
- 7 MR. KELLY: I've been working for 14 years
- 8 cleaning up PCBs and fires. So I've spent a lot of my
- 9 career working on this.
- 10 CITIZEN: Then why can't you answer some of the
- 11 questions here based on your knowledge, which is what he
- 12 said.
- MR. KELLY: You have to have a comprehensive
- 14 investigation of the site, and this is just a first step.
- 15 And it's going to take a lot longer.
- 16 CITIZEN: We want the EPA.
- 17 (Unintelligible. Multiple speakers)
- 18 CITIZEN: We would love that. What took you so
- 19 long, and why do you need Crown Enterprises? What's to say
- they may not make a mistake in their responsibilities of
- 21 the portion they have to clean up without you?
- MR. KELLY: So --
- 23 CITIZEN: So what if -- I'm not foolish enough to
- 24 blame somebody who just stepped on something for harming
- 25 me. But what they plan on doing with that could be --



- 1 could further impact our community and our environment.
- 2 MR. KELLY: The Settlement Agreement has a
- 3 requirement that they cannot exacerbate the contamination.
- 4 CITIZEN: Accidents happen. So negligence is
- 5 waived?
- 6 MR. KELLY: You know any kind of place --
- 7 CITIZEN: We could get struck by lighting.
- 8 MR. KELLY: So --
- 9 CITIZEN: But environmental accidents happen a
- 10 lot more than lighting.
- MR. KELLY: Yes.
- 12 (Unintelligible. Multiple speakers)
- 13 CITIZEN: There's active contamination and
- 14 exposure right now. And I just don't understand why we
- 15 need Crown Enterprise involved in a settlement before you
- 16 do know the extent of what's going on there. What does
- 17 Crown Enterprise have to do with the cleanup? Why don't
- 18 you guys just clean it up and tell them to sit back and
- 19 wait instead of us?
- 20 MS. RUSSELL: And I think -- I just wanted to
- 21 acknowledge before we --
- Brian. Brian was trying to articulate that we
- 23 have to have a process in order to start in that direction.
- 24 CITIZEN: Then why do we have a public hearing
- 25 and what does it matter what we say?



- 1 MS. RUSSELL: Because your -- because this
- 2 interaction right here is absolutely important to our
- 3 process. We have to get public comment. If we're not --
- 4 (Unintelligible. Multiple speakers)
- 5 CITIZEN: This the real today. You took the time
- 6 and the expenses to put materials out here today, but you
- 7 did not bring the settlement for us to read here today.
- 8 MS. RUSSELL: We have it on --
- 9 CITIZEN: Not everyone has the internet. That's
- 10 offensive to some generations. Trenton has the oldest
- 11 population of senior citizens, most of whom do not use the
- 12 internet. Look up your data and understand that if some of
- 13 these people knew what was going on and had access, they
- 14 might be here and might be asking more questions.
- MS. RUSSELL: Absolutely.
- 16 CITIZEN: It's an offense to our community of
- 17 residents that Crown Enterprise is being favored for their
- 18 investment when we have invested more and longer and far
- 19 more into the future than they ever will.
- 20 MS. RUSSELL: And I want to absolutely
- 21 acknowledge your frustration on that piece. And I want
- 22 you --
- 23 CITIZEN: I'm not frustrated. I'm very
- 24 concerned.
- MS. RUSSELL: Absolutely.



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1	CITIZEN: There's a difference.
2	MS. RUSSELL: And and this is important. You
3	raised a very important point about it. And this is
4	information
5	CITIZEN: Do you live here?
б	MS. RUSSELL: Ma'am
7	CITIZEN: Do you live here?
8	MS. RUSSELL: I would like to
9	CITIZEN: Do you live here?
10	MS. RUSSELL: I'm a Michigan native lifelong.
11	CITIZEN: Do you live in Trenton, Grosse Ile,
12	Riverview or surrounding adjacent communities?
13	MS. RUSSELL: I am in Lansing.
14	CITIZEN: Yes or no?
15	MS. RUSSELL: Ma'am this is not about me and you,
16	it's about this community.
17	CITIZEN: I don't like to be patronized.
18	Answer the questions.
19	Do you live here?
20	Yes or no?
21	MS. RUSSELL: I live near Flint. Where they have
22	a water problem.
23	(Unintelligible. Multiple speakers)
24	MS. RUSSELL: If anyone here in this room needs a



handout, a copy, needs to walk out we can mail these to

25

- 1 you. We have community involvement coordinators that are
- 2 available. If you have -- just give us a call. Our
- 3 information is on these materials that you have today. If
- 4 you need a hard copy of the Settlement Agreement we will
- 5 send it to you. If you need access to any materials that
- 6 you cannot get online, let us know. We will give you
- 7 access.
- 8 CITIZEN: Before September 13th?
- 9 MS. RUSSELL: And they're also at the library.
- 10 So, yes, whatever you -- if you need information so that --
- 11 'cause we are coming here as agencies and asking the
- 12 community for your input. And we have to make sure -- it
- is our job to make sure that you can do that. So what --
- 14 if you need assistance in making sure that you can provide
- 15 comment to us, let us know how our community involvement
- 16 coordinators can assist you in that in a timely process
- 17 that will allow you to submit your comment and information
- 18 to us in a most informed way.
- Now, in order for us to be able to have the
- 20 portion of this meeting -- we do only have this space until
- 21 8:00 p.m. Okay? And we have a number of comments that we
- 22 are going to need to be submitting this evening --
- 23 CITIZEN: Don't worry about it. Go out in the
- 24 parking lot.
- 25 MS. RUSSELL: -- for this public comment period.



- 1 CITIZEN: We have questions.
- MS. RUSSELL: So we will have time. I will take
- 3 the next ten minutes for folks to be able to come and ask
- 4 their questions, and then we will need to move into the
- 5 public comment portion.
- And I want you to also note that any of these
- 7 folks that you see here tonight and we introduced are
- 8 available to you to answer your questions. If you do not
- 9 know how to get ahold of them, the fact sheet that is in
- 10 your hand now, my name is Diane Russell. Give me a call; I
- 11 will get the folks to you. Kirstin Safakas is here as
- 12 well. She's on that fact sheet. Give her a call. She
- 13 will make sure she gets you in contact with the right
- 14 people.
- 15 Sir, you had a question.
- MR. PETOSKY: I do. My name is the Pete Petosky.
- 17 I'm sure this process has been going on for a long time to
- 18 get people to this point right here tonight. There's been
- 19 an immense amount of work done by a whole lot of people
- 20 here, and I thank you for that.
- I have a question for Mr. Kaiser. You're the
- 22 regional counsel, so I assume you're the attorney?
- MR. KAISER: I am an assistant regional counsel.
- MR. PETOSKY: Very good.
- 25 MR. KAISER: That's not the regional counsel.



- 1 MR. PETOSKY: You spoke with the confidence of an
- 2 attorney who negotiated this agreement. And typically
- 3 that's typical.
- 4 What makes you so confident that the MSC will
- 5 perform? What makes you so confident that they just won't
- 6 throw up their hands and walk away?
- 7 CITIZEN: Yeah, good question.
- 8 CITIZEN: Very good. Give him the mic, please.
- 9 CITIZEN: Give him one.
- 10 CITIZEN: Just let me add a thing.
- 11 MS. RUSSELL: Sir. Sir. Sir, let him answer
- 12 that question though please.
- 13 CITIZEN: If I were Crown, I would set up a shell
- 14 company, and if I wanted --
- MS. RUSSELL: We only have limited time.
- 16 CITIZEN: -- unintelligible -- how viable is
- 17 Crown.
- MS. RUSSELL: I appreciate that.
- 19 CITIZEN: Same question you have.
- 20 MR. KAISER: All right. I mean, like I said, we
- 21 have a big sword over their head. If they don't perform
- 22 they become liable under CERCLA, under the Superfund law as
- 23 the current owner of the property, and they would become
- 24 responsible for all the contamination that's out there.
- Now we have cost estimates of what it is going to



- 1 cost to address the site, and it's in the -- you know, it's
- 2 20 to \$100,000,000 is our current thinking. And that's a
- 3 lot of money to even Crown Enterprises.
- 4 So if they don't perform they will become liable.
- 5 And you've got the four way to the federal government to
- 6 prosecute that case.
- 7 CITIZEN: How much money they got? Just declare
- 8 bankruptcy and they got --
- 9 MS. RUSSELL: Okay. Okay.
- 10 CITIZEN: He's right.
- MS. RUSSELL: So I know that there's a number of
- 12 solutions that we're hearing tonight from folks in the
- 13 audience. Please know that this solution that they've come
- 14 up with in this case is open to your comments. We're in
- 15 that comment process right now. But right now, please, if
- 16 you can, if you have questions you need clarification on
- 17 the specifics of this, we have limited time, please state
- 18 your questions right now. And we are happy to receive
- 19 comments at the last part of this meeting.
- 20 CITIZEN: I'd like to reiterate what that
- 21 gentleman said. I appreciate all the work that people have
- 22 put into this agreement and worked to clean up the McLouth
- 23 Steel site.
- Steve, I was wondering; is Crown liable for any
- of the work that MSC doesn't do?



- 1 MR. KAISER: Well Crown gets the same release
- 2 that MSC gets and would conceivably be liable if MSC fails
- 3 to perform. The way it's set up is MSC has these
- 4 obligations, but they both get the protections.
- Now one of the questions that you asked was what
- 6 if an accident happens? They are not excused from
- 7 accidents. Accidents are excepted out of the release that
- 8 they get. If an accident happens during the performance of
- 9 the work, they're responsible for addressing that.
- I think it's also important to just, you know,
- 11 kind of back this up. I mean, I knew that there -- I
- 12 anticipated that there would be kind of a lot of questions,
- 13 because we haven't been out here in awhile. And there has
- 14 been a lot going on behind the scenes that I suspected you
- 15 were not entirely aware of.
- Some of these things are coming together, and
- 17 it's almost more or less coincidence. Nuria and I were
- 18 working independently on this listing on the National
- 19 Priorities List so that we could bring federal money to the
- 20 cleanup. I think it's important to understand that this is
- 21 what we refer to as an orphan site. The people who caused
- the contamination are not around.
- 23 And that doesn't make it unique in the Superfund
- 24 world. The Superfund world is populated with orphan sites.
- 25 What we're really bringing to this site and what is really



- 1 going to clean up this site is not Crown and MSC. They're
- 2 going to begin the process, but the real heavy lift is
- 3 going to be done with federal dollars officer the course of
- 4 the next really five to ten years.
- 5 What Nuri was describing proposing the site for
- 6 the NPL, which we expect to happen next week, has actually
- 7 been two years in the works where we with MDEO had to go
- 8 out and do something we call score the site. Which is we
- 9 don't know everything about the site. We won't know that
- 10 until we conclude a remedial investigation and feasibility
- 11 study. But we know enough about the site to know that it
- 12 poses a risk to human health and the environment and needs
- 13 federal funds to further identify the risks and to come up
- 14 with a plan to do that.
- So in some ways, you know, we almost should have
- 16 had a separate meeting just on the NPL Listing, because
- 17 that's a huge event. We worked with MDEQ
- 18 for two years to score the site, to prepare the listing
- 19 package and to get the listing package out. And it's
- 20 scheduled to go out in September. And assuming that it
- 21 makes it onto the National Priority List, that's going to
- 22 bring federal money through Congressman Dingell's office
- 23 [sic] and so forth to bear on this. And that's really what
- 24 it's going to take to clean up the site.
- Now I am aware of Crown's reputation. I've



- 1 worked in this area long enough to that that's a name that
- 2 evokes strong reaction. But they didn't cause the problem
- 3 out there. They do have an idea some, you know, inchoate,
- 4 not fully realized idea of what they'd like to do. And
- 5 they're coming along kind of -- you know, it's in some ways
- 6 coincidence that these two paths are converging at the same
- 7 time.
- 8 But I would say in some respects the bigger story
- 9 is, this is going to be on the National Priority List.
- 10 That's our plan. That's our intention. That's what
- 11 Michigan's supporting. We've received letters from your
- 12 local politicians. We've received letters from Congressman
- 13 Dingell's -- Congresswoman Dingell's office. We've
- 14 received a letter from the governor's office.
- We want to get this site on the NPL so we can
- 16 have the money and resources to investigate and clean it
- 17 up. It's not talk. It takes longer than anybody wants,
- 18 but that's the process for addressing these sites. And we
- 19 have a track record. It's slow but steady, and in the end
- 20 we get it done.
- MS. RUSSELL: But also before we go into our next
- 22 question iterate along that process with -- is transparency
- 23 and public input. So we're coming back here with other
- 24 meetings as we move along in the Superfund process to give
- 25 you information, and also input from you as we just learn



- 1 more, come up with solutions and work together with the
- 2 community to understand what's going to work best as we go
- 3 forward in cleanup.
- 4 We have a question at mic number two.
- 5 CITIZEN: Hi. My name is Susan Messler. I'm a
- 6 homeowner in Trenton and Grosse Ile.
- 7 I have a couple of questions. And my first one
- 8 is in regards to the NPL designation. Who decides whether
- 9 or not the site makes it on the National Priority List and
- 10 whether or not it becomes eligible for Superfund?
- 11 MS. MUNIZ: So the site -- right now we have a
- 12 package, and that actually goes -- becomes public comment.
- 13 When we release the package, what we're saying is that we
- 14 have evaluated -- there's a score -- that it scored high
- 15 enough to make it forward. And we have all our
- 16 documentation presenting our argument.
- 17 It would take a lot of effort for anybody to tell
- 18 us that this site doesn't make that score. We would have
- 19 to get a comment that basically denies our documentation
- 20 supporting our score. It would be something major, like
- 21 technical, saying -- for example, we're saying that
- there's, for example, PCBs on the property and somebody
- 23 proves to us that there's no PCBs in the property. We feel
- 24 confident that the site is listable at this point.
- 25 MS. RUSSELL: Okay. EPA makes that decision.



- 1 She's asking who makes that decision.
- MS. MUNIZ: The EPA makes that decision.
- 3 CITIZEN: The EPA makes that decision. Thank
- 4 you.
- 5 My second question: I understand, Mayor Stack,
- 6 that currently the southern portion of the property is
- 7 designated for mixed use zoning. Is that correct?
- 8 THE MAYOR: That's correct.
- 9 CITIZEN: My understanding of the proposal of the
- 10 settlement is that the PCPs will only be mitigated to the
- 11 point of industrial or light industrial. That I want a
- 12 clarification on. If it is zoned as mixed property then we
- 13 need to ensure that the property will be cleaned up to
- 14 those standards, not a lesser level.
- MR. KELLY: So this is sort of the triage part of
- 16 the cleanup. And after it gets listed on the NPL, and the
- 17 remedial investigation occurs, and then there's going to be
- 18 a feasibility study, certainly the current zoning, the
- 19 current use, and the future use of the property along with
- 20 community input and municipal input will go out to
- 21 determine what the final cleanup remedy is.
- 22 CITIZEN: But it's already zoned mixed usage; so,
- therefore, there are standards already in place, correct?
- MR. KELLY: So at the time that the decisions are
- 25 made, all of those things will go into the equation.



- 1 MS. RUSSELL: And the decisions have not been
- 2 made yet.
- 3 MR. KELLY: The decisions have not been made and
- 4 will probably not be made for many years.
- 5 CITIZEN: Okay, my final question is in regards
- 6 to, who is going to be responsible for treating
- 7 particularly the wastewater coming from that site? I want
- 8 to ensure, as a lifelong resident of Trenton, someone who
- 9 has seen our city financially messed up repeatedly because
- 10 of this site -- I want to ensure that it's not going to be
- 11 the city of Trenton's responsibility to treat the
- 12 wastewater coming from this site.
- 13 MR. KELLY: The City of Trenton has no
- 14 responsibility for the cleanup of the property.
- 15 CITIZEN: Including the runoff?
- MR. KELLY: Including the runoff.
- 17 CITIZEN: And storm water? They will not be
- 18 connected to the Trenton storm water.
- 19 CITIZEN: Yeah, explain that. Where does it go?
- 20 MR. KELLY: So the -- there is a -- it will be a
- 21 plan to control the wastewater from the facility. You
- 22 know, how it's treated, we don't know that at this time.
- 23 CITIZEN: Well I think that's something that
- 24 definitely needs consideration and certainly something that
- 25 the City of Trenton should not be held responsible for



- 1 financially or in any other way. Thank you.
- MS. RUSSELL: And Brian, as we move forward with
- 3 cleanup, decisions -- those will be -- we'll be able to
- 4 interact with the public to have those conversations about
- 5 what plans are actually going to be occurring?
- 6 MR. KAISER: Well, right. One of the things we
- 7 described in the environmental work is there's going to be
- 8 an assessment of what MSC as the current owner has to do to
- 9 come into compliance with the Clean Water Act. And there
- 10 is not in the settlement a release of liability under the
- 11 Clean Water Act.
- MSC is aware that when they take title to the
- 13 property they're going to become subject to the
- 14 requirements of the Clean Water Act. And the first step is
- that they're going to work with MDEQ, which is a delegated
- 16 state, and with EPA to figure out what they need to do to
- 17 come into compliance.
- Now one of the things is the possibility of a
- 19 pretreatment permit where they would discharge to the City
- 20 of Trenton. Another is a national pollution permit -- a
- 21 federally issued permit in which they can discharge to the
- 22 river. We do not know at this point which of those. A
- 23 third would be to contain all the water on site and not
- 24 discharge it anywhere.
- We don't know which is the better approach to



- 1 coming into compliance. It has been a subject of
- 2 considerable discussion over the past few months. It's
- 3 going to take time to assess those different options and
- 4 present them. I suspect there will be a public comment
- 5 opportunity in connection with those decisions.
- I think one of the things as a citizen -- and I
- 7 just want to note I got into this coming to a public
- 8 meeting just like this in my home town at Waukegan
- 9 Illinois. So I sat in those chairs. I've had the same
- 10 concerns, because I lived in a city that had three or four
- 11 Superfund sites. And I used to swim next to an asbestos
- 12 pile, so you know what; I'm not sure I'll be here in
- 13 ten years.
- But not to make light of it. It's a serious
- 15 matter. It's human health and the environment. We
- 16 recognize that. We try to move as quickly as we can. When
- 17 we have emergencies like you've heard described; a fire, a
- 18 mercury spill, PCB capacity that are leaking PCB we can
- 19 come in. For a long-term cleanup it takes years. We have
- 20 to get it on the NPL. We have to do the comprehensive
- 21 investigation. We have to come up with a feasibility
- 22 study. We have to issue a long-term plan, get the public
- 23 input on that and then fund it.
- 24 That's the process that we're just -- that's one
- of the processes we're just beginning. We're actually on



- 1 two tracks. We're fortunate to be on two tracts where we
- 2 have some private money coming in to do what Brian
- 3 described as the triage work while we move along that
- 4 second slower but ultimately better funded comprehensive
- 5 cleanup path.
- 6 MS. RUSSELL: Okay. We have a question back
- 7 here, sir.
- 8 CITIZEN: I didn't know I was unsafe. My name is
- 9 Bill Hyle (Phonetic). I live on Grosse Ile.
- 10 The reason I was here primarily was to ask one
- 11 question, but I'd like to make a couple of observations
- 12 briefly, maybe some more later. The question came right
- out of the cannon from this gentleman over here to begin
- 14 with in a way. When remedial cleanup is complete, what
- 15 level of remediation will have been accomplished? Will the
- 16 property be remediated to a level safe for mixed use as
- 17 municipal zoning now requires?
- Now it seems to me as I'm listening to all of
- 19 this, we're talking to people who are trying to find a way
- 20 to communicate. But there's also a certain element of
- 21 trust that isn't here. There's honest reasons from every
- 22 organization. I'm not going to comment on the EPA. But
- 23 there are reasons that this exist. The question is, where
- 24 do we go from here given those facts?
- 25 I'm impressed with the care that has gone in -- I



- 1 studied administrative law. You guys are doting the I's
- 2 and crossing the T's. And many of you may not believe
- 3 this, but their procedures are designed by law to protect
- 4 you. I want to make that clear. But you also have to take
- 5 time to study and understand the circumstance and to accept
- 6 it for what it is, not what you might prefer.
- 7 You can ask incredulous questions like, how do we
- 8 get to mixed use when it looks like there's no way or hope
- 9 that that will ever be attainable? That's a reasonable
- 10 question, but it doesn't answer where do we go from here.
- 11 So you're going to have to look at it that way and learn
- 12 from people who are very knowledgeable and find some way to
- 13 trust them.
- And if you can't trust the people who are
- 15 negotiating this, if you can't trust the people who will
- inherit the property, find some new people to get on the
- 17 property and make it work or some new leaders. But you're
- 18 going to have to find a team that can work with each other
- 19 and that you can trust. Thank you.
- 20 MS. RUSSELL: Thank you. I was hoping to go to
- 21 mic 3. Sir.
- 22 CITIZEN: Yep. Two questions. My biggest
- 23 concern is that water runoff as well. And it's for both
- 24 the DEQ and the APA. Why is there requirement in this
- 25 agreement only that they assess and report on? Is there



- 1 any timeline to that? Is there any way to hold them
- 2 accountable to make sure that that water runoff doesn't
- 3 continue?
- 4 And then my second question is, is there any way
- 5 to extend handing over the title until some of these
- 6 concerns are addressed?
- 7 MR. KAISER: Well handing over the title is a
- 8 matter between the Wayne County Land Bank and Crown
- 9 Enterprises under their County Purchase and Development
- 10 Agreement. So that's -- that's not an EPA issue.
- We came up with the plan to assess, because
- 12 that's how you figure out how to come into compliance.
- 13 It's complicated. It's a large area; 183 acres. And so
- 14 the first step is to assess and come up with a plan
- 15 forward.
- How do we know they'll do it? It says very
- 17 clearly in the settlement and in the statement of work that
- 18 MSC and Crown are liable for all environmental laws, to
- 19 comply with all environmental laws. And it's very clear
- 20 that there's no power law for the Clean Water Act. And
- 21 we've had this discussion with MSC and Crown and with FEDO.
- There's a realization that day one they take
- 23 title they're going to be out of compliance. What do you
- 24 do? Do you then hold up the whole process for twelve,
- 25 eighteen months until you figure out the groundwater issue?



- 1 I mean, right now it's uncontrolled sheet flow off that
- 2 site. That's not a great status quo to maintain.
- I mean part of this is kind of trading off. You
- 4 know, one of the big elements that we kept hearing was the
- 5 desire for the community to have that large building on
- 6 Jefferson Avenue demolished. Take it down, deconstruct it.
- 7 And from what I understood, that was part of the reason the
- 8 County accepted the Crown development offer as opposed to
- 9 other offers that did not include dismantling that enormous
- 10 building that's clad in asbestos containing material that
- 11 is becoming triable as time goes on. So it's important
- 12 from a human health point of view that that building come
- 13 down.
- You know, sheet flow into the river, that's
- 15 important too. It's kind of a matter of prioritizing
- 16 things. And we did prioritize clean, safe demolition of
- 17 that building. The County prioritized that as well. We
- 18 prioritized cleaning up some of those sumps and pits. We
- 19 did include as a priority assessing the storm water issue
- and coming up with a plan to move forward on that. And we
- 21 reserved our enforcement authorities, as did MDEO, to force
- 22 MSC if necessary to take the steps.
- Now I don't think it's going to require force.
- 24 They know they have this obligation. And I expect they'll
- 25 be able to figure out which permit to apply for, and



- 1 they'll do that. If they don't, they're subject to
- 2 enforcement actions under state and federal law.
- 3 CITIZEN: When conceivably would those
- 4 enforcement actions be possible?
- 5 MR. KAISER: Well, I mean, I'd have to, you know,
- 6 look at the timing on the assessment. And I'm happy to do
- 7 that. I don't know if I want to do it as I stand here in
- 8 front of the community. But we can go over this. I can
- 9 stick around and walk you through this and show you that.
- 10 But it's -- you know, it's twelve to eighteen months I
- 11 think is kind of the time frame we're looking at.
- MS. RUSSELL: Thank you.
- Okay, we are going to go to this mic here
- 14 (Indicating). And if we have comments, if we can wait for
- 15 the comment portion of the meeting I would appreciate that.
- 16 Let's see if we can stick to questions. We are definitely
- 17 limited on time, but please go ahead.
- 18 CITIZEN: Thank you. And thank you to the EPA,
- 19 MDEQ and the city for all the work you're doing. I'm very
- 20 excited this project is going to happen.
- 21 My question is borne out of a bitter distrust for
- 22 the private partner. I'm wondering if something happens,
- 23 something's leaking in the area or whatever, is the federal
- 24 government or the state going to be onsite to help save the
- 25 private partner in shirking responsibility or filing



- 1 lawsuit after lawsuit? Will someone be there to make sure
- 2 that contaminant stops leaking, spreading, whichever?
- MR. KELLY: So I can say that, you know, I am
- 4 listed in the settlement agreement as EPA's on-scene
- 5 coordinator. And I do anticipate spending quite a bit of
- 6 time over at the site overseeing the work.
- 7 MR. KAISER: And there's also an opportunity to
- 8 take over the work. If they don't do what they say, we can
- 9 take it over. We always have our emergency response
- 10 authorities. We didn't give up any of those emergency
- 11 response authorities.
- I mean, I think this gentleman's point about
- 13 trust is well taken. I can understand you haven't met us
- 14 before. You don't know us from Adam. But there is -- you
- 15 have to kind of trust, or it stays the way it is now.
- 16 MR. KELLY: And when emergencies have occurred,
- 17 we've quickly responded. I mean, when the fire occurred,
- 18 we were there. When there was Leachate, when there was
- 19 PCBs, we responded very quickly.
- MR. TAYLOR: Diane, I'd like to add a comment.
- 21 MS. RUSSELL: Yes. Go ahead, Al.
- MR. TAYLOR: One of the components of the
- 23 agreement is that EPA --
- 24 CITIZEN: Mic please.
- MR. TAYLOR: Sorry. One of the components of



- 1 this agreement that EPA and DEQ worked on was making sure
- 2 that we had cost recovery for staff oversight to be in the
- 3 field during those couple of years when the buildings are
- 4 being demolished. Because, you know, we trust but we need
- 5 to verify that things are being done correctly. And then
- 6 we can partner with EPA to if there is a problem that we
- 7 need the time critical response activity then EPA and DEO
- 8 can work together on that. So the good thing about that is
- 9 it's being paid for. If we have money to do it then we can
- 10 be out in the field and doing oversight.
- MS. RUSSELL: Thank you, Al.
- Okay, I wanted to go to this mic here
- 13 (Indicating).
- 14 Sir, you have a question.
- 15 CITIZEN: I actually had a public comment. I
- 16 actually wanted to make sure that it was put on the record
- 17 while there was still time.
- 18 MS. RUSSELL: Do you have to leave? Because this
- 19 isn't -- it wouldn't be recorded as a public comment yet.
- 20 CITIZEN: Can I ensure that I'll be able to have
- 21 a public comment.
- MS. RUSSELL: Yes.
- 23 CITIZEN: Thank you.
- MS. RUSSELL: Yes.
- 25 CITIZEN: I'll wait.



- 1 MS. RUSSELL: Sir.
- 2 CITIZEN: My name is Tim Bussey (Phonetic), and I
- 3 live in Trenton on Elizabeth Drive. And for the record,
- 4 for those of you that were interested, it's called Trenton
- 5 Marine Terminals. They operate a raw sugar warehouse and
- 6 storage facility on the property for Bay City based AM Cane
- 7 Sugar.
- 8 So they're uploading raw sugar from the Middle
- 9 East or Mediterranean area, I think, creek maybe. I don't
- 10 remember where it's coming from, but -- and they dump it
- 11 and store it right there. They have trucked it out. And
- 12 the gentleman have asked and have provided photographs.
- 13 I'm a little disturbed. And I'd like to trust you guys,
- 14 but for you to say you didn't know about it, and you've
- 15 been on the property, is rather disturbing to me; and that
- 16 these trucks are already dragging out this contaminated
- 17 material that you've so eloquently spoke of for the first
- 18 half of the period. And rather than just dismiss this
- 19 concern that several people have, that didn't help building
- 20 any trust.
- 21 The Superfund sites that keep popping up: For
- the record, we have 67 Superfund sites in Michigan as of
- 23 2010. As of 2017 there were 1,322 Superfund sites National
- 24 Priorities List in the United States.
- 25 How the heck and when are we going to get this



- 1 property when there are 1,300 ahead of us? We're talking
- 2 not in months or even a couple of years, that I can see.
- 3 Unless I'm not reading the information that I found.
- 4 Can one of -- somebody of the dozen or so that
- 5 are sitting in front of me explain the time, how that's
- 6 going to happen when there's over 1,300 people already
- 7 ahead of us?
- 8 MS. RUSSELL: Well -- and I -- it doesn't work --
- 9 that lineup doesn't single file 1,300.
- 10 Steve, did you want to --
- 11 MR. KAISER: Well right. I mean, some of those
- 12 sites are -- I mean, as I mentioned, this is an orphan site
- 13 where there's no real private money. Not all of those
- 14 1,300 are orphan sites. At other sites you have viable
- 15 responsible parties who are paying for the cleanup.
- But there is a priorities list. There's a
- 17 priority panel that's made up of representatives, EPA
- 18 representatives, from around the country that evaluate the
- 19 sites based on the risk that they pose to human health and
- 20 the environment. And they have to make some tough
- 21 decisions about where the money gets spent. So this will
- 22 go in phases. The first ask will be for funding to do this
- 23 remedial investigation and feasibility study. That can
- 24 take about five years and cost somewhere between five and
- 25 \$10 million. We'll have to go and make a pitch to get the



- 1 funding for it.
- 2 And then once we come up with a plan to clean it
- 3 up, that's going to be a heavy lift, and that's where you
- 4 start talking to your congressional representatives and
- 5 your senators and you marshall local political support, and
- 6 you try to make the case for why your site deserves a slice
- 7 of what's a shrinking pie.
- 8 So I'm not going to sugarcoat it. I'm not going
- 9 to say there's endless mounts of money to upload these
- 10 sites. There isn't. There is a certain competition
- 11 between sites, between states. Michigan is our partner in
- 12 this. When they sent the letter from the governor saying
- 13 that they wanted this site listed they made a commitment to
- 14 paying 10% of the cost to the investigation and 10% of the
- 15 cost to the cleanup.
- So already you have demonstrated local political
- 17 support for this project. But, you know, those are good
- 18 questions, and I hope I've given you a little bit of
- information as to how that works. There's a National
- 20 Priorities Panel that evaluate and rates these sites and
- 21 doles out money each year. And Congress funds this on an
- 22 annual basis. It used to be --
- 23 CITIZEN: Yeah, but that's another issue. Excuse
- 24 me for cutting in.
- MR. KAISER: Yeah.



1 CITIZEN: But Congress has not funded EPA Superfund Site as well as they have in the past. And that 2 3 could be brought up. But I just want to mention that 4 briefly. But how can we trust a company such as Crown when 5 they were in charge -- they owned the railroad at the north 6 end and yet they were pursued and asked for a cleanup, and 7 for five years or more they fought that off until the EPA, your group, came in and cleaned it up? 8 9 And then from what I've read, that the EPA then 10 fought -- joined forces with the city of Riverview to try 11 and reclaim the \$900,000 that the EPA spent in cleaning up 12 the railroad field area that Crown owns and tried to 13 negotiate and did negotiate with Crown for \$650,000. Crown was able to kick the can down the road, have you guys 14 clean it up, and then at a reduced rate ended up paying for 15 16 it. They have this history just in the last decade, 17 and yet we should feel comfortable about having somebody 18 19 with this reputation just on its own property. And we 20 should be comfortable about this? And then we have this audience in front of me -- and this will be my last 21 22 statement. I'm sorry. Thank you. But there is a mixed use zoning on this. And as I understand there are only two 23 24 zonings that the EPA has, residential and nonresidential, 25 for cleanup.



So mixed use does include residential. I hear 1 that it's so polluted and it cannot be residential from 2 3 citizens, meaning people out in the audience here. 4 haven't heard that from up here at this front whom are 5 seated. But it is mixed use, and it should be cleaned up at mixed use level. 6 7 They're storing food product on the property. 8 apparently it's not as contaminated as I've been led to 9 believe. And I'll leave it at that. Thank you very much. 10 MS. RUSSELL: And again, I -- thank you. 11 I appreciate that. Throughout this process, what really makes us be able to do our job and do it well is by 12 13 having communication and information from community I've been on a number of Superfund sites in 14 members. Michigan where that -- how I've seen that work well, and 15 16 I've seen it not. And when we are able to work together on a challenging site, which this is, that's where the ball 17 starts to move forward, at least from what I've seen. 18 19 Now I did want to make just an observation on 20 We can be here a little bit if you're patient with time. 2.1 Because I want to make sure everyone gets their comments and their questions answered. If you stick around 22 for those who haven't submitted a comment, we will make 23 24 time after 8:00 to make sure those are recorded. And if 25 you still want to submit a comment but maybe aren't able to



- 1 do that verbally tonight, please, you can write it down.
- 2 We have paper outside. You can give it to us tonight. You
- 3 can mail it to us. You can write it in a comment form
- 4 online. As long as we get it by September 13th.
- 5 Ma'am, you had a question.
- 6 CITIZEN: My question is -- we're hearing the
- 7 current federal administration is cutting Superfund. So is
- 8 that going to affect things? Mr. Kaiser.
- 9 MR. KAISER: Well, I mean, one of your
- 10 congressman, Congressman -- I think it's Upton. I don't
- 11 know what part of the state he represents.
- MS. RUSSELL: West Michigan.
- MR. KAISER: What's that, Western, Michigan?
- MS. RUSSELL: West Michigan.
- MR. KAISER: Yeah. I mean, he's been a great
- 16 advocate for EPA, particularly our Great Lakes Program.
- 17 There was an effort to zero that out in the budget for -- I
- 18 think that would have been fiscal year -- we're ending
- 19 fiscal year 2018. That might have been fiscal year 2017.
- 20 And because of Congressman Upton and the force of --
- 21 unintelligible -- that program was funded at its previous
- 22 level. So I think there is a strong support.
- 23 Even with -- under Administrator Pruitt who, of
- 24 course, resigned a short while ago, Superfund and the land
- 25 revitalization was a priority, was something that was still



- 1 being funded. So, I mean -- you know, I don't have a
- 2 crystal ball; I don't know what's going to happen, but --
- 3 Superfund has been cut, but I think it's -- I think there's
- 4 support. I think there's a recognized need for it. But --
- 5 MR. KELLY: --unintelligible--
- 6 MR. KAISER: Yeah, every year it's a struggle and
- 7 it's a fight. So you have to -- well, I can't get too -- I
- 8 better stop there.
- 9 CITIZEN: I have one more question.
- MS. RUSSELL: Yes.
- 11 CITIZEN: I know there's a lot of asbestos on the
- 12 site. Now when they take those buildings down, how are
- 13 they going to control that? When the buildings come down,
- 14 how do they do that? Is there anybody that can answer
- 15 that? How are they going to encapsulate.
- MR. KELLY: So they're going to have to develop a
- 17 plan, a work plan, that is submitted to EPA and the DEQ
- 18 about exactly the details that they're going to use. But
- 19 oftentimes it's wetting; it could be encapsulating; it
- 20 could be removable. So there's going to be a detailed plan
- 21 put together.
- The Settlement Agreement just says the building
- 23 will come down and the contamination removed. But there's
- 24 also followup; specific work plans that will be submitted
- 25 and have to get approval from EPA and DEQ.



- 1 CITIZEN: Thank you very much.
- MS. RUSSELL: Thank you. So I have two more
- 3 looks like here. So I'm going to let you go first, and
- 4 then I will let you go as well.
- 5 CITIZEN: Okay, first of all, with all due
- 6 respect, Mr. Kaiser, I find it really really offensive that
- 7 you made comments about swimming around in PCP [sic] lakes
- 8 when you were young. It's patronizing to the people who
- 9 have concerns here today. And laughing about it is not the
- 10 way to gain our trust.
- 11 MR. KAISER: I'm sorry. I apologize.
- 12 CITIZEN: Thank you. Second of all, I don't
- think anyone who is even opposed or nervous or worried or
- 14 concerned about what can come of the site has any
- 15 disrespect for the EPA or the purpose of it or your
- 16 intentions or would trust that for one minute you would
- intentionally do anything that would harm us. What we
- 18 are -- I think many people are. I know I am -- very
- 19 skeptical of why Crown Enterprises needs to be held not
- 20 liable before it even becomes -- before they are even
- 21 allowed to do any work?
- Does that mean -- you've been quick to respond to
- our comments, but you have yet to answer most of our
- 24 questions. And it's very calculated that you're doing
- 25 that. You're all very good with your public image and your



- 1 image management.
- With regard to the comment and photos of
- 3 business, edibles being onsite at this moment -- again, the
- 4 longer I wait -- I have new questions, but I forgot my old
- 5 questions.
- If the settlement were to be approved by the end
- 7 of the month, does that mean that Crown Enterprises as
- 8 pending owner of that property will forever and always not
- 9 be liable for anything that is impacted by the contaminants
- 10 on the site?
- So if it is not properly managing or securing the
- 12 property and somebody waltzes in there, is he liable?
- If the sugar company ends up -- it being revealed
- 14 that people are consuming something that his property -- he
- is responsible for, they are responsible for, are they not
- 16 held liable? That's a yes or no, sir.
- 17 MR. KAISER: Well, I mean --
- 18 CITIZEN: You've been at this long enough.
- MR. KAISER: It's not on this property.
- 20 (Unintelligible. Multiple speakers)
- MS. RUSSELL: One at a time.
- 22 CITIZEN: It's a yes or no to that.
- MR. KAISER: They don't own that property.
- 24 They're not entitled to acquiring that property.
- 25 CITIZEN: I am saying with the settlement. If



- 1 the settlement is agreed upon -- and it sounds like you've
- 2 got one very eloquent supporter that we should just blindly
- 3 trust you as if it's happening. No, we don't. It has
- 4 nothing to do with you. You and I could have dinner
- 5 somewhere and we might get along great. Still doesn't mean
- 6 I trust you. I don't have to. I'm not supposed to.
- 7 It would be ignorant for me to blindly trust
- 8 somebody who comes in here and patronizes us having the
- 9 education, the experience, the authority and the power that
- 10 you have that we do not have. We don't think we're
- 11 scientist and geniuses. We don't have to be to know that
- 12 there's danger here.
- And for you to patronize our concerns, and only
- 14 respond to our comments, and waltz around our questions,
- and be quick to say you don't know and you might find out
- 16 eventually what will happen -- we're here because of the
- 17 settlement. All of our questions are very, very valid.
- 18 And you know that.
- 19 Why do we have to enter so urgently a settlement
- 20 with a company that will be the sole beneficiary and be
- 21 protected by that settlement at the expense and cost of the
- 22 tax payers and the residents of this community?
- 23 Why do we have to wait to find out instead of
- 24 them waiting to find out?
- 25 Why can't the EPA work on this, setting their



- 1 business intentions aside? Would you do this today and be
- 2 working on this tomorrow if Crown Enterprises didn't
- 3 purchase that and know somebody? Yes or no?
- 4 MS. RUSSELL: All right, so we would like --
- 5 CITIZEN: No, I'm asking him.
- 6 MS. RUSSELL: I'm just saying I --
- 7 MR. KAISER: We didn't pick Crown Enterprises.
- 8 CITIZEN: I know that.
- 9 MR. KAISER: We talked with the city of Trenton.
- 10 MS. RUSSELL: If he can answer the question
- 11 please.
- 12 MR. KAISER: We talked with the Plan B for the
- 13 County [sic]. We engaged with anyone who wanted to have a
- 14 dialogue with EPA. In the end the County selected Crown.
- 15 Crown --
- 16 CITIZEN: I'm asking why do we have to settle
- 17 with them now?
- MR. KAISER: If we don't the building can stay
- 19 there.
- 20 CITIZEN: So that's a blackmail in essence.
- MS. RUSSELL: Ma'am --
- 22 CITIZEN: If you don't do --
- MS. RUSSELL: He's trying to answer your
- 24 question.
- 25 CITIZEN: No, he's not.



- 1 (Unintelligible. Multiple speakers)
- 2 MR. KAISER: It will happen very slowly. And,
- 3 you know, the building can stay up there. The sludge
- 4 ponds --
- 5 CITIZEN: So why don't you rephrase that and say,
- 6 if you don't like it you can leave?
- 7 MR. KAISER: No, I'm not saying that. I'm just
- 8 saying, there are hard choices to be made. They bring
- 9 money to the table, and money is hard to find.
- 10 CITIZEN: So then answer the first real question
- 11 I asked you. If you entered the settlement and they don't
- 12 secure, supervise their property and the sugar company is
- 13 baking cookies somewhere that my baby might eat, is he
- 14 going to be responsible?
- MR. KAISER: So that's --
- 16 CITIZEN: No, it's not --
- 17 MR. KAISER: That's a law school exam question.
- 18 CITIZEN: No, it's not.
- 19 (Unintelligible. Multiple speakers).
- 20 MS. RUSSELL: No. Stop now. We cannot talk over
- 21 each other, ladies and gentlemen. That is not productive.
- 22 Okay.
- 23 CITIZEN: That was a settlement question.
- MS. RUSSELL: Okay, so I'm just asking if he
- 25 could -- this is the issue; he's trying to --



- 1 CITIZEN: I asked him to answer the question.
- MS. RUSSELL: I understand that he's trying to
- 3 answer the question, and I understand that it's not maybe a
- 4 -- you know, it's maybe what you would expect, a yes or no.
- 5 The EPA process, it's a governmental process. I understand
- 6 that it's frustrating that you are not able to get the
- 7 answer that you are seeking tonight.
- 8 CITIZEN: Who represents the settlement that
- 9 we're here for tonight if it's not him? My comment was
- 10 about him laughing about waltzing around and --
- MS. RUSSELL: And he apologized for that. And
- 12 what we need to do is we need to -- what we need to do is
- 13 move on.
- 14 CITIZEN: That's not fair.
- MR. KELLY: One thing on the sugar --
- MS. RUSSELL: I'm trying to be very fair.
- 17 MR. KELLY: The Agriculture Department is the one
- 18 that is responsible for a scrutiny the sugar there [sic].
- 19 CITIZEN: I asked about the settlement.
- 20 MR. KELLY: You said who's liable for the
- 21 sugar --
- 22 (Unintelligible. Multiple speakers)
- MR. KELLY: You have to ask the Agriculture
- 24 Department to --Unintelligible--
- MS. RUSSELL: Okay. So what I'm going to do is



- 1 -- I understand that we have --
- 2 MR. KAISER: Let's just be very clear. The
- 3 settlement has to do with property unrelated to the acres
- 4 that are currently used for this sugar importation.
- 5 That, to my understanding, is property owned GFC
- 6 who has some kind of lease relationship with the sugar
- 7 importer. That partial -- that portion of the old McLouth
- 8 Facility is not subject to the settlement.
- 9 CITIZEN: But what I asked was --
- 10 MR. KAISER: Yes.
- 11 CITIZEN: -- if you entered into an approved
- 12 settlement as it's written right now, if the owner, Crown
- 13 Enterprises, did not secure or supervise their property and
- 14 an incident or a pattern of behavior similar to the sugar
- 15 witnessing occurs on the property, does this settlement
- 16 make them liable or not liable for what they fail --
- 17 MR. KAISER: Fail to do --
- 18 CITIZEN: -- to secure --
- 19 (Unintelligible. Multiple speakers)
- 20 CITIZEN: So is it yes, they will be liable for
- 21 it? Yes, they will be liable.
- MS. RUSSELL: Yes, that's what he said.
- 23 CITIZEN: Thank you.
- MS. RUSSELL: Ladies and gentlemen, I apologize.
- 25 We have a very, very gracious host at this church tonight.



- 1 And I absolutely need to get into the public comment
- 2 portion of this meeting.
- If you have questions, all of us are available.
- 4 We have our contact information on fact sheets, on the
- 5 website. And please, please, please don't hesitate to ask
- 6 our folks questions.
- 7 What I need to do at this point in time is I do
- 8 need to move into the public comments portion. And if you
- 9 had picked up a card tonight and you have this card here,
- 10 it's going to start from the number one. So if you are the
- 11 lucky person who drew number one, I'm just going to go
- 12 ahead -- I know that I said there would be a small break,
- 13 but we have definitely moved into the time here. So what I
- 14 would like to do is have the person who has the card number
- 15 one to step forward.
- And what I will have you do is as you come
- 17 forward hand your card to me. If you can state your name
- 18 for the court reporter.
- 19 And I will give you these cards so you have
- 20 access to how to spell the person's name properly.
- 21 So if you will state your name and then go ahead
- 22 and go into your comment. Thank you.
- MR. STEWART: Ryan Stewart. I live at 3329 Fort
- 24 Street. I feel like I won the lottery having the first
- 25 card.



1 I just want to say thank you for -- I know that this has been a contentious meeting. There's a lot of 2 3 concern certainly. And, you know, as has been expressed 4 before, we appreciate that the EPA exist and the work it's done on behalf of the public, at least speaking from my 5 6 perspective. 7 So a lot of the comments that I intended to make 8 have already been made in the form of a question, but I did 9 just want to bring up -- I have a list here of sites. You 10 know, the mixed use zoning has been thoroughly beaten upon, 11 so to speak, in the question period. I did bring a map 12 that shows a majority of the southern portion of the site 13 is zoned for mixed use currently. I've also brought a sheet of a few different 14 Brownsville cleanup that led to economic revitalization. 15 16 You know, if anybody on the panel is interested, there are 17 a few extra copies. So, for instance, in 2016 the Detroit Riverfront 18 19 Conservancy raised \$163 million to build three and a half 20 miles of the Detroit Riverwalk. Nearly three million 21 visitors are using it annually. Ninety percent of these visits would not have taken place without significant 22 23 riverfront improvement that spurred approximately \$1 24 billion in total public and private sector investment 25 during the first ten years with more than a billion dollars



- 1 expected over the next decade.
- In Cleveland, Ohio in 1969 the Cuyahoga River
- 3 caught on fire because of water pollution. This site has
- 4 experienced \$750 million in economic development since
- 5 2012. In addition \$270 million new development projects
- 6 are in the planning phase.
- 7 In Buffalo, New York in the 1950s and '60s no
- 8 fish were able to be caught in the river. And by 2012 and
- 9 2018, there's been over \$259 million in waterfront
- 10 development along the Buffalo River.
- 11 The reason I bring these up, when we speak of
- 12 vision and Crown Enterprise having put forth a vision for
- 13 the purpose of the property, I would like to say -- and for
- 14 the sake of the environment, I did not print up this
- 15 document, because it's quite long.
- The City of Trenton with the input of the
- 17 community have developed a master plan. You know, for the
- 18 sake of brevity, I'd just like to read one major point.
- 19 That being, the physical goals to redevelop the waterfront
- 20 so that it becomes a community asset that provides business
- 21 and recreational space; to promote the riverfront as
- 22 ecotourism designation, potentially; or convert all vacant
- 23 sites into anchor institutions, businesses, parks, green
- 24 space, education or medical facilities.
- 25 Understanding that Crown Enterprise is committing



- 1 a small amount of resources towards the development but
- 2 also that the Environmental Protection Agency through the
- 3 Superfund, as Mr. Kaiser said, will be funding the lions
- 4 share of the recovery effort, in my mind the citizens of
- 5 the community have already come together with a vision as
- 6 well.
- 7 So from my perspective -- I have a brief example
- 8 here, and this was released this week. There's an
- 9 initiative that aims to get more cruise ships on the Great
- 10 Lakes. Governor Snyder this week helped launch an
- 11 international partnership that aims to get more cruise
- 12 ships in the Great Lakes. I won't go into detail, but the
- 13 goal and initiative is that international government and
- 14 business arrangement to work and creat ecotourism in the
- 15 Great Lakes region.
- We know the Crown Enterprise site has a deep
- 17 water port available, which is perfect for something like a
- 18 cruise ship. The city of Trenton has been involved in a
- 19 trail town initiative to revitalize and create a community
- 20 development around things like ecotourism, biking, and
- 21 parks.
- There is vision, and there is an opportunity for
- 23 development on behalf of the private and the public to work
- 24 together to create a situation that supersedes the type of
- 25 economic identity crisis that the Downriver community his



- 1 had since industrialization. And I just ask that in the
- 2 consideration of the plans that the EPA look towards
- 3 rezoning to mixed use standards and holding Crown
- 4 Enterprises accountable to some of the vision that's
- 5 already been set forth by the members of the community.
- 6 Thank you.
- 7 MS. RUSSELL: Thank you.
- 8 Card number two, if you could step forward and
- 9 submit your comment. If you can, keep it brief.
- 10 Do we have a card two? Going once. Remind you,
- 11 you can always submit these online, or by mail, or in
- 12 written form tonight.
- 13 Card number three. Do we have card number three?
- 14 Step forward. Three. Do we have four?
- 15 Card four. Thank you. Please state your name
- 16 for the court reporter, and I will take your card.
- 17 MR. MESTER: May name is Jeffrey Mester. I live
- 18 at 19554 Keith Avenue on Grosse Ile. So I would like to
- 19 make a comment related to some of the questions or comments
- 20 that were made previously, because I have a front row seat
- 21 to what's going on at the McLouth site.
- 22 Friday afternoon a ship was brought in to the
- 23 deep water port. I believe it is anchored or was anchored
- on the north property, the very southern edge of the north
- 25 property. Now evidently they're unloading sugar. I know



- 1 if -- they didn't have a stacker conveyor. They were using
- 2 clam buckets to unload some kind of bulk material into
- 3 tandem trailers and hauled off the site. Those trucks were
- 4 leaving the site via the Jefferson road entrance, which is
- 5 on the southern property.
- 6 So I don't know how they got approval from Wayne
- 7 County to use land which is currently owned by Wayne
- 8 County. But this is the sort of thing that doesn't
- 9 generate a lot of trust, you know. And the sheriff should
- 10 be the one controlling the access going to and from that
- 11 site, and he's not. So --
- 12 And then again, it would appear that we are
- 13 putting the cart before the horse on this whole project.
- 14 Because I picked up this information on the way in today.
- 15 And the very final step in the Superfund process is after
- 16 the site is cleaned the U.S. EPA works with the community
- 17 to help return the site to productive use.
- 18 Well it would seem that the agreement has already
- 19 been approved, it's been signed, it's waiting for a rubber
- 20 stamp, and MSC is going to begin to do their basic cursory
- 21 surface cleanup and then begin redevelopment while you're
- 22 waiting for the Superfund status to be approved, the
- 23 assessments to be done and the work completed. How do you
- 24 clean up a site that's already been redeveloped? That's
- 25 what I would like to know.



1	And so to get it to some of the rest of my
2	comments, it also states that they will determine the pace
3	of redevelopment. So will they be permitted to install
4	infrastructure or any structures that could possibly impede
5	a cleanup in the future?
6	Let's see. Part of what I feel would be the
7	wrong progression of this whole work is that, they are
8	required to perform an assessment of the storm water runoff
9	when we know it's already an issue. If they're going to do
10	any demolition on the site, certainly they'll have to do it
11	with some approved, you know, method. But if you don't
12	have control of the storm water runoff on that site then
13	how can we assure that you're not going to be just
14	releasing more and more contaminants into the environment?
15	And as a lifelong Trenton resident who recently
16	moved to Grosse Ile, I would hate to see the city of
17	Trenton burdened with having that runoff diverted into
18	their storm system for processing at our expense.
19	So the final my final concern and comment
20	relates to a mentioning that there was going to be some
21	monitoring, air monitoring, of for potential Manganese
22	contamination. Who is going to be conducting that
23	monitoring? Is that going to be MSC? I'm sorry. If it's
24	on the north site that would be RTR. Are they going to be
25	responsible for the monitoring and the laboratory testing



- of those samples or will it be the EPA or the MDEQ? That's
- 2 a question. But it's just another one of my comments; that
- 3 it just doesn't seem like this has been very well thought
- 4 out. Not to denigrate all of the hard work and effort
- 5 that's gone into this by both of these organizations. But
- 6 they are legitimate concerns, and so I felt it was
- 7 necessary to comment on them. Thank you.
- 8 MS. RUSSELL: Thank you. And you know that is
- 9 going to be put into the formal comment for this
- 10 settlement -- proposed Settlement Agreement.
- I will need card number five. If you have card
- 12 -- the card number five. How did we get out of order over
- 13 there?
- 14 CITIZEN: That's okay.
- MS. RUSSELL: So you have card two?
- 16 CITIZEN: I have card number 2.
- MS. RUSSELL: Okay.
- 18 CITIZEN: This gentleman helped me.
- MS. RUSSELL: I see. I see.
- 20 MR. HOWARD: That's okay. I have a comment if I
- 21 can.
- MS. RUSSELL: Please do.
- MR. HOWARD: Okay, basically --
- MS. RUSSELL: Oh, sir, please tell us your name.
- 25 MR. HOWARD: My name is John Howard from I'm



- 1 going to call it East Rockwood, down by Pointe Mouillee.
- 2 And I'm really wondering where all this pollution is going
- 3 to end up? If it's going to end up in our "bird sanctuary"
- 4 down by Pointe Mouillee; you know, bury it so it can leak
- 5 out into the lake?
- I'm also wondering -- and it certainly seems to
- 7 me as MSC, RTRR, and Crown Enterprises are basically
- 8 controlled by the same people. And if I'm wrong on that,
- 9 please let me know. Because if they are, it certainly
- 10 seems like it's a monopolistic enterprise, which you people
- 11 are going to be trying to defend yourself against, which
- 12 has not done a very good job with the property that they've
- owned up in Detroit and, you know, have had major
- 14 consequences until they finally ended up selling what they
- 15 had to Ford, because finally they had a good idea.
- So I'm wondering where the pollution is going to
- 17 go? If RTR, RTRR, MSC and Crown Enterprise are the same,
- isn't that going to end up with, you know, having a room
- 19 full of shenanigans again?
- 20 MS. RUSSELL: Thank you. And if you turn your
- 21 card in with your name on it. It doesn't have on it right
- 22 now. So I can turn it into our court reporter I appreciate
- 23 it.
- MR. HOWARD: Sure.
- MS. RUSSELL: Thank you. Okay, do we have -- so



- 1 that was card three. We had card four. Do we have card
- 2 five? Card five.
- 3 CITIZEN: I have no comment.
- 4 MS. RUSSELL: Okay, thank you. Moving on to card
- 5 six. Anyone have six? Thank you. And please state your
- 6 name and I'll take your card. Thank you.
- 7 MS. PATE: Good evening, and thank you for the
- 8 opportunity to speak tonight. My name is Wendy Pate. I
- 9 live at 2036 Church Place in Trenton, which is almost
- 10 adjacent to the McLouth property. I'm also a founding
- 11 member of the Trenton Visionary Committee.
- I represent a group of community stakeholders who
- 13 seek to educate and engage business owners, community
- 14 leaders and government officials in order to advocate for
- implementation of the goals and strategies of the Trenton
- 16 coast and --Unintelligible-- master plan; an award-winning
- 17 plan that outlines the future path of Trenton.
- We have met with and questioned most of those
- 19 connected to the settlement put forth. We've read,
- 20 researched, and hotly debated for countless hours as a
- 21 group, and the group has decided to come to a compromised
- 22 statement of support of the plan.
- 23 As Representative Debbie Dingell put it, it is a
- 24 first step toward a future that is away from the tough
- 25 times of the past for Trenton. In this spirit of her



- 1 comment and of the master plan's vision and our group, also
- 2 finds that this agreement can be amended, and we request
- 3 your consideration of the following:
- 4 1. In the statement of facts portion, number 17,
- 5 it should be made clear of the conflicting and current
- 6 zoning that also includes mixed use and I2 on the southern
- 7 portion of the proper. Because currently it only states
- 8 that the property will be used for industrial development
- 9 which is in the county settlement, but is in conflict with
- 10 the City of Trenton's master plan. So if we're doing a
- 11 historical look and including that in the settlement, it
- does, we feel, need to be added as a conflicting use of the
- 13 property at this time.
- 14 2. We would hope that all plans and testing
- 15 results such as work plans, health and safety plans, dust,
- 16 and traffic management plans and the finding from the
- 17 sampling be disclosed and available to the public;
- 18 preferably upload to a site similar to the Superfund Site
- 19 Profile Page.
- 20 3. We would like you to hold monthly or
- 21 appropriately timed community updates, such as this, as a
- 22 question and answer period, perhaps a town hall, not
- 23 necessarily for public comment; continue to educate on us
- 24 -- educate the community on the progress of the project,
- 25 and help keep us informed of how things are progressing.



- 1 We know that there is community development person for
- 2 that.
- 3 4. And most importantly, that the cleanup
- 4 standards be raised to the level of the current mixed use
- 5 zoning as often as possible. And given that we do not know
- 6 the development plans. For example:
- 7 (1) The cleanup criteria being used is for
- 8 nonresidential soil while the master plan zone is for mixed
- 9 use. As such that criteria should be applied or the plan
- in the settlement would be considered inadequate.
- 11 (2) the PCB standard of 25 parts per million
- 12 is inappropriate. It might be better to reduce the -- I
- 13 guess that would be increase to 10 parts per million as the
- 14 standard be used since the area cannot be characterized as
- 15 a restricted access area, rather a non-- I'm sorry --
- 16 rather a nonrestricted access area, and
- 17 (3) Consider in the dust plan for our public
- 18 health requirements such as spraying roadways, street
- 19 sweepers to clean property -- you know, output -- clean
- 20 trucks before they are leaving the property.
- 21 And then this was already mentioned, which I
- 22 hadn't known, because in the settlement it doesn't say what
- 23 the dust plan would be, but to include a particular
- 24 -- Unintelligible -- monitor. And perhaps that would detect
- 25 other things than the Manganese, but perhaps other things



- 1 that would be raised to a level that would require work
- 2 stoppage if elevated to -- if certain levels are detected
- 3 on the property during cleanup. And also that any work
- 4 would cease to -- stop if there was some kind of natural
- 5 event that would require the winds to be at a certain rate,
- 6 such as 20mph or higher. And that is the end of my public
- 7 comment. Thank you.
- 8 MS. RUSSELL: Thank you very much. Appreciate
- 9 that.
- 10 Do we have card seven that is available, up and
- 11 ready to go? Thank you. Please state your name, and I'll
- 12 take your card.
- MS. HARTIG: Hello, good evening. I'm Patricia
- 14 Hartig. I live at 2357 Ashby, basically around the corner
- 15 from here.
- 16 First of all, I want to thank everyone from the
- 17 MDEQ and the EPA for being here this evening. I know that
- 18 you would not be working for the agencies that you work for
- 19 if you did not deeply care about the environment. And also
- 20 the DOJ. Thank you so very much for being here and for
- 21 working on our behalf. I also want to thank you for
- 22 allowing me to speak regarding the Administrative
- 23 Settlement and Covenant Not to Sue. As a 27-year resident
- of Trenton I appreciate the opportunity to be involved in
- 25 civil engagement affecting the environment in my community.



1	We all know that the McLouth site is a symbol of
2	the Downriver area. It screams dirty, polluted, old, poor
3	unhealthy. The rebirth of Downtown Detroit that has so
4	captivated the world with business leaders, government
5	officials and philanthropists working together on a
6	redevelopment vision by pouring millions of dollars into
7	rehabbing buildings and reclaiming the Detroit River for
8	people to use hasn't quite made it to our part of the
9	river.
10	Yes, we do have the Detroit River International
11	Wildlife Refuge; the only international wildlife refuge in
12	the entire country. And indeed, as you mentioned earlier,
13	over \$10 million has been sent to clean up ten feet deep of
14	contaminated soil at the Black Lagoon just a short ways
15	south of the McLouth site. And actually, as you pointed
16	out, caused by affluent McLouth.
17	But as a region south of Detroit on the same
18	river, we have a hard time with that vision thing.
19	Fortunately, as you've already heard and may continue to
20	hear, Trenton does have a master plan and has, in fact,
21	zoned much of the McLouth property to mixed use back in
22	2006, over 12 years ago.
23	You will be provided with the Trenton Zoning
24	Ordinance that defines mixed use. And the interesting
25	thing about this mixed use designation is that it includes



- 1 residential, recreational, environmental and commercial
- 2 uses but not industrial. And because the property zoning
- 3 does not include industrial, it is imperative that the
- 4 level of cleanup be measured by the Part 201 Generic
- 5 Cleanup Plan For Residential Standard.
- The Settlement Agreement requires MSC to test
- 7 suspected areas that are contaminated with PCBs and to only
- 8 remediate if the levels are over 25 parts per million.
- 9 Now many many years ago in a previous life I did
- 10 some environmental law work, and I can remember even back
- 11 then that parts per million was kind of high. And we were
- 12 always talking about parts per billion. So I am attaching
- 13 to my statement those Part 201 standards that specifically
- 14 talk about what the levels should be for soil and for both
- 15 the industrial use and the nonindustrial use.
- So curiously, the Part 201 standards for
- 17 nonindustrial -- I'm sorry -- for nonresidential property,
- 18 which would include industrial property, is 16,000 parts
- 19 per billion.
- Now one of the reasons that I never went into
- 21 math or science was because I was really bad at it. And
- 22 parts per billion and parts per million sound really hard
- 23 to even understand. However, 25 parts per million equals
- 24 25,000 parts per billion. The Part 201 nonresidential
- 25 property standard is 16 parts per billion. So the rules



Τ	require 16 parts per billion as a cleanup level. We're
2	talking about 25,000 parts per billion, which is way more
3	contamination than we're allowing.
4	But I really don't want you to even think about
5	the 16,000 parts per billion; I would really like you to
6	consider that the proper cleanup criteria should be for
7	land that is zoned mixed use. And that standard in the
8	Part 201 residential standard is 4,000 parts per billion,
9	or in other words, 4 parts per million.
10	So I'm asking that you amend the settlement
11	agreement to establish the cleanup standard of all
12	contaminants to the part 201 generic cleanup criteria for
13	residential property as required by a mixed use zone.
14	And I'll point out that in your settlement
15	agreement, under the public comment portion it specifically
16	states that:
17	"After a public comment period and a potential
18	public meeting the United States may modify or
19	withdraw its consent of this settlement if comments
20	received disclose facts or consideration which
21	indicate that this settlement is inappropriate,
22	improper, or inadequate."
23	I would ask you to modify it, because the
24	standard of 25 parts per million is an inadequate standard.
25	Now no one can predict the future, but we can



- 1 envision it. If we require the McLouth property to be
- 2 cleaned up to the level that it is currently zoned, mixed
- 3 use, we will not preclude future city councils and county
- 4 commissions from having the courage to dream bigger for us
- 5 as so many other communities have done in the past. Thank
- 6 you.
- 7 MS. RUSSELL: Thank you. And we can always
- 8 collect those --Unintelligible --
- 9 All right, we have card eight. Please state your
- 10 name, and I will take your card. Thank you.
- MR. HUNT: Brandon hunt. Grosse Ile. So we've
- 12 just been talking about how the property is zoned as mixed
- 13 use. And so let's read what it means to be mixed use.
- 14 "The intent of the MD mixed use district is used
- 15 to serve as the principal district for the development or
- 16 redevelopment of those areas in the city designated on its
- 17 adopted master plan mapped as areas for mixed use
- 18 development.
- 19 Mixed use development as envisioned in the master
- 20 plan and set forth in the MD district is designed to
- 21 encourage the blending of various types of residential land
- 22 use, which may include single family, including cluster
- 23 housing and multiple family units in a harmonious and
- 24 functional relationship with nonresidential land use, such
- 25 as office and select commercial uses is, including marina



- 1 and related commercial uses.
- 2 Furthermore, the MD District is structured to
- 3 encourage and fill the government's redevelopment design
- 4 intended to contribute to a more compact use of the land,
- 5 resulting in less consumption of land and natural resources
- 6 while at the same time enhancing the site's natural
- 7 features by sustaining them through their careful
- 8 integration to the site's overall development scheme.
- 9 Full utilization of the city's existing utilities
- 10 and other municipal services, a high level of development
- 11 that would make a positive contribution to sustaining the
- 12 quality of life and the communities lives, enhancing and
- diversifying the economy of the community, enhancing the
- 14 environmental qualities of the community, and enhancing the
- 15 recreational potential of the community.
- The redevelopment of environmentally infected
- 17 areas with a form of diversified land use that will be
- 18 environmentally acceptable to the community. A creative
- 19 approach to mixing up land use types by minimizing
- 20 regulatory standards generally associated with a zoning
- 21 district in order to encourage a high level of design
- 22 innovation, and the optimum use of public park and open
- 23 space areas to attract infields and development of
- 24 environmentally impacted sites. Thanks.
- MS. RUSSELL: Thank you.



- 1 Card nine. Card nine. Nine? Please state your
- 2 name, and I will take your card. Thank you.
- 3 MR. JOHNSON: Robert Johnson.
- I'm here to offer some input for some people who
- 5 are not here. A petition has been circulated which
- 6 supports the Trenton Coastal Plan. And I have 370 names
- 7 that I will put into the record.
- And, secondly, on very short notice we have
- 9 circulated some cards indicating that the EPA should adhere
- 10 to the Part 201 for the cleanup of the site. And I offer
- 11 you in the amount of 48 cards --
- MS. RUSSELL: Okay.
- 13 CITIZEN: -- for the record.
- MS. RUSSELL: Okay, I will take those. Thank
- 15 you, sir.
- 16 Do we have number ten? Card number ten. We have
- 17 ten out there? I'm going up to twenty-three folks. Do we
- 18 have eleven?
- 19 CITIZEN: My comments have been covered.
- 20 MS. RUSSELL: Comments have been covered. Thank
- 21 you, sir.
- 22 Twelve? Do we have card twelve for comment?
- 23 Thirteen? Card thirteen. The holder of card thirteen.
- 24 Fourteen.
- 25 CITIZEN: I'm going to pass, thank you.



- 1 MS. RUSSELL: Thank you. Fifteen.
- 2 CITIZEN: No comment.
- 3 MS. RUSSELL: Okay, thank you.
- 4 Sixteen. Card holder sixteen. And card holder
- 5 seventeen.
- 6 MR. HOWARD: Can I say something else?
- 7 MS. RUSSELL: Seventeen. I will allow you to do
- 8 that once I get through. Oh, you have -- well then you're
- 9 card seventeen, sir.
- 10 CITIZEN: Well but I was also card three.
- MS. RUSSELL: Well you're being very fair if you
- 12 let me get through this if there's anyone else --
- 13 CITIZEN: Sure.
- MS. RUSSELL: -- if there's eighteen was out
- 15 there. Eighteen.
- 16 Thank you, sir. Please state your name, and I
- 17 will take your card.
- 18 MR. THOMPSON: My name is Jordan Thomson. I'm a
- 19 resident of Grosse Ile. I live as the crow flies less than
- 20 a mile from the site. I'm on the island just south of
- 21 Horse Mill. I'm also an environmental professional and
- 22 have been doing this for thirty years. I'm primarily in
- 23 the area of waste but also in remediation as well.
- I will say this: I'm appalled that it's taken
- 25 this long to get to this spot. And I'm also appalled that



- 1 it's taken the partnership or supposed partnership to get
- 2 us here. These issues have been known since, based on the
- 3 timeline 2000. I know you've done your best, Brian, to
- 4 mitigate ongoing emergency issues. All the while it's been
- 5 raining and Leachate has been going into the Detroit River.
- 6 All the while the wind has blown and pushed and moved
- 7 materials off that site. So I think it's well overdue.
- 8 And it's unfortunate that it took money from somebody who I
- 9 don't trust at all to get us to this point. And that's the
- 10 crux of my comment.
- I would hope that we'd learned some lessons in
- 12 Flint and that we have some oversight of a private company
- 13 whose only interest is to save money. If I'm in business
- 14 as a private entity, I want to do it on the cheap, which
- 15 means cutting corners and not doing it to standard. So I
- 16 hope between the DEQ and the EPA that there is a rigorous
- 17 oversight. And I hope that there's a good communication
- 18 method to relay the plans and daily monitoring of those
- 19 sites.
- I live downwind, and immediately downwind. I'm
- 21 sure my property is already impacted by McLouth Steel. If
- 22 anybody knows anything about steel mills, the materials
- 23 that they've processed for years and years and years have
- 24 drifted probably all over the north end of Grosse Ile and
- 25 into the community of Trenton, including heavy metals along



- 1 with PCBs.
- 2 So I think as we look to the future as you do
- 3 your remediation investigation, you're going to find out
- 4 that, boy, we should have done something twenty years ago.
- 5 I'm sure there's a lot of mercury, and I'm sure there's a
- 6 lot of PCBs on that site. Unfortunately, I also fish in
- 7 the Trenton Channel, and I've probably eaten some mercury
- 8 from McLouth Steel. And I'm sure anybody else here who
- 9 fishes and consumes Michigan fish, even though we read the
- 10 consumption warnings and abide by them.
- 11 That has been a contribution from an orphan site.
- 12 And I guess -- unfortunately I couldn't get a guestion in.
- 13 I would like to know what -- well that's a question. I
- 14 would hope that the EPA would solicit more and constant
- 15 questions from the community and input, because I think
- 16 this is the beginning. Although I don't agree with the
- 17 partnership, I don't agree with the release of liability, I
- 18 understand that's a means to an end. But I don't know that
- 19 it's the right partnership.
- I think twenty years ago the EPA should have bit
- 21 the bullet and started cleaning this up on its own and
- 22 followed that process. It's been eluded to by others. And
- 23 to speed this up, I think we're making a deal with the
- 24 devil. So thank you.
- 25 MS. RUSSELL: Thank you. Do we have nineteen?



- 1 Card nineteen for comment?
- Yes. Hello. Please state your name, and I'll
- 3 take your card.
- 4 CITIZEN: My name is Carl Debusai (Phonetic). I
- 5 just want to stand wholeheartedly in support of the
- 6 comments of Wendy Pate, Bob Johnson, and Pat Hartig in
- 7 terms of some of the amendments that should be made to the
- 8 settlement agreement.
- 9 In addition on that, I just want to reiterate, as
- 10 I did with my question, that I'm extremely concerned that
- 11 this agreement only calls for the assessing and reporting
- 12 of uncontrolled flow into the Trenton Channel. And it was
- 13 extremely a concern to me as well to hear that tearing
- 14 those buildings down was prioritized over that, because
- 15 that's a primary concern of mine. So I'd ask that anything
- 16 possible be done within the amendment to make sure that
- 17 that is taken care of as soon as possible. Because as the
- 18 previous gentleman said, it's been going on too long.
- I'd also like to add that I'm also extremely
- 20 concerned that copies of the settlement were not printed
- 21 out for those that couldn't go on the internet and get
- 22 that. So I'll leave it at that. Thank you.
- MS. RUSSELL: Thank you. Do we have the holder
- 24 of card twenty? Card twenty. Twenty-one. Twenty-two.
- 25 And I have twenty -- or did someone else take it? Okay.



- 1 With that, I would open it up to -- you had
- 2 another comment you wanted to make, sir. Please state your
- 3 name.
- 4 MR. HOWARD: John Howard from East Rockwood.
- 5 Basically I just want to say that if you got together with
- 6 some old McLouth Steel employees, I think you could really
- 7 find out where the bodies are buried on that land. They
- 8 could tell you. I know many people who have told me, you
- 9 know, where the spots are.
- MS. RUSSELL: Thank you.
- 11 Were there any other folks who wanted to make a
- 12 comment here verbally?
- I do want to, as someone's contemplating that,
- 14 again reiterate you can submit these via mail. There are
- 15 forms in the fact sheet and forms out on the table if you
- 16 want to turn those in and mail them in. There are online
- 17 forms. You can send us an email, and we can take that as
- 18 well. And if we can have that postmarked by
- 19 September 13th.
- I want to also highlight for folks ongoing
- 21 information. If you signed up for EPA's mailing list as
- 22 you came in or if you missed that, please do that. Because
- 23 as we send information out in these fact sheets, or have
- 24 public meetings, or want to get information to you, we
- 25 would like to mail it to you. So please give us your



- 1 mailing address so we can get that to you. So I just
- 2 wanted to remind folks as you exit, if you have not sign up
- 3 for our mailing list, please do so.
- 4 MAYOR STACK: Do you have number twenty-three
- 5 there.
- 6 MS. RUSSELL: I do.
- 7 MAYOR STACK: Okay, can I use that.
- 8 MS. RUSSELL: You certainly can.
- 9 MAYOR STACK: Okay. Okay. My name is Kyle
- 10 Stack, and I'm mayor for the city of Trenton. I'd like to
- 11 make a statement instead of any kind of question for the
- 12 public hearing here.
- But first, I'd like to begin that in 2011, I was
- 14 elected to the office of mayor. And in December of 2011, I
- 15 attended my first Brownsville meeting hosted by the
- 16 Downriver Community Conference. At the end of the
- 17 meeting -- Paula Bose (Phonetic) who's in charge of the
- 18 economic development through the Downriver Community
- 19 Conference asked if there were any questions from the group
- 20 attending. I raised my hand, and I said help. I then
- 21 proceeded to ask how we could get help for one of the most
- 22 contaminated sites, not only in the city of Trenton but the
- 23 County of Wayne and the state of Michigan.
- 24 My city administrator at that time -- and I won't
- 25 say his name, because I don't want to have him have a



- 1 problem -- who I can't say enough thank you's to began to
- 2 network and made connections to move this property forward
- 3 to make it a viable site again many, many, many, many --
- 4 you will not believe; I can't even count them -- the hours
- 5 that have been put into this site. Not only from the EPA,
- 6 not only from the MDEQ, but from the City of Trenton, City
- 7 of Riverview, Township of Grosse Ile.
- 8 Our administrative knew how important it was to
- 9 me to move forward on getting this site cleaned up and to
- 10 have once again a commercial property that could create
- 11 jobs and taxes for this community.
- 12 As the city decided to pass on the purchasing of
- 13 the property Wayne County, Khalil Rahal and his team from
- 14 Wayne County Economic Development Corporation moved on
- 15 presenting to the County Commission the importance of this
- 16 property the city, county, the property -- or the
- 17 commissioner -- I'm sorry -- to the County Commission the
- 18 importance of this property to city, county and state. The
- 19 commissioners then voted to place the property in the
- 20 county land bank. Thank you to the commissioners that
- 21 supported this important move.
- 22 RFQs were sent out to prospective buyers, and the
- 23 interviews were sent out by Mr. Rahal. And he included
- 24 myself and one other staff member to participate in the
- 25 interviews. Four companies were interviewed, but only one



- 1 could show the financial support needed to proceed with
- 2 clearing and providing a once damaged piece of property a
- 3 nice chance with a new beginning. That company was Crown
- 4 Enterprises.
- 5 And these gentlemen here, I have to tell you,
- 6 they have been nothing but gracious in trying to work with
- 7 everybody that's involved. They were the company that
- 8 showed that there was true value in this property, and we
- 9 look forward to seeing major improvements to the site.
- 10 Many residents and Downriverites [sic] are
- 11 skeptical, but me myself along with the unanimous support
- of the council are convinced that they will show us that
- they will be truly invested in the community, and it is
- 14 already started.
- Thank you to Matthew Maroon, Michael Samhat
- 16 (Phonetic), and Ron Patty for all your support on this
- 17 project. I want to thank Steve Kaiser and all of his
- 18 staff, Region 5 EPA Office, and especially to Brian Kelly
- 19 for all his work on this project, and the Department of
- 20 Justice for this review and acceptance of the cleanup.
- I would like to thank Debbie Dingell for all her
- 22 help on this project, along with State Representative
- 23 Darrin Camilleri; County Commissioner Joe Palamara; Warren
- 24 Evans, county executive; Khalil Rahal, assistant county
- 25 executive, and the Wayne County Economic Development



- 1 Corporation. A big thanks goes to Jim Perry, director, and
- 2 Paula Boase of the Downriver Community Conference for all
- 3 their assistance.
- 4 The vision is coming to see a place that will no
- 5 longer have these huge, dilapidated buildings. To see huge
- 6 cleanup of the site and to see a new fence and all the
- 7 weeds gone will be the vision I have to have an entrance to
- 8 our community that we are proud to see.
- 9 Thank you, Crown Enterprises, for stepping up and
- 10 believing in our community. We look forward to working
- 11 with you as a partner in our community.
- 12 And I have to let you know, this has been one of
- 13 the most projects that I have worked on during my -- I've
- 14 been with the city as the mayor for seven years. It's
- 15 taken this long, seven years, to get where we're at today.
- 16 So I am very passionate about this. We need to be able to
- 17 move forward with this to get this.
- 18 I'm getting tired of looking at -- and a lot of
- 19 these people -- you know, I know Wendy Pate, because I've
- 20 dealt with her with different things. She lives in between
- 21 that and Riverside Hospital. So now it's time to move
- 22 forward. And we're working on Riverside Hospital too. So
- 23 I'll just let you know that. But I am not done with trying
- 24 to figure out what we need to do here. And I'll be damned
- 25 if I'm going to be chastised for working on a project that



1	we have been putting all our efforts into to move forward
2	to make this city a great one. Thank you.
3	MS. RUSSELL: Thank you. Thank you. Ladies and
4	gentlemen, I'm going to go ahead and close the comment
5	period. Please if you have if you need a copy of the
6	Settlement Agreement, do not leave tonight without letting
7	myself know. We will make sure that gets
8	mailed to you so you have that in your hands. And if you
9	please sign up to our mailing list so we make sure we have
10	your information.
11	Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for spending your
12	evening with us. Have a very good evening and drive safely
13	home.
14	(At 8:45 p.m., meeting adjourned)
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1	CERTIFICATE OF NOTARY
2	STATE OF MICHIGAN )
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4	COUNTY OF WAYNE ) 4
5	I, Donna R. Williams, Certified Shorthand Reporter,
6	a Notary Public in and for the above county and state, do
7	hereby certify that the above deposition was taken before
8	me at the time and place hereinbefore set forth; that the
9	witness was by me first duly sworn to testify to the
10	truth, and nothing but the truth; that the foregoing
11	questions asked and answers made by the witness were duly
12	recorded by me stenographically and reduced to computer
13	transcription; that this is a true, full and correct
14	transcript of my stenographic notes so taken. I further
15	certify that I am not related to, nor of counsel to
16	either party, nor interested in the event of this cause.
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